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To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Cc: Somerton Parish Council <somertonparishcouncil@gmail.com>
Subject: Master Plan 18/00825/HYBRID SPC

Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to object to Network Rails proposed closure of Somerton Crossing.

I have been a resident of Somerton for more than 14 years and have consistently walked this Public footpath/bridleway which provides access to wonderful circular works around Somerton and the surrounding area and along the canal. I walk this public footpath and cross over this crossing, most days as do many of my fellow villagers and even more so during the coronavirus pandemic where exercise is so important to health and well being.

Approaching the crossing we are all well used to checking whether the warning lights are showing or whether there is the accompanying warning buzzing noise of an approaching train. Everyone is always careful upon crossing the railway line, the Pedestrian gate is always closed afterwards, I have never seen it left open, and it is designed to swing back closed.

To walk this route we have to cross over the level crossing and a small bridge over the canal - there is no other route in this area that will enable us to cross over both railway line and canal. Closing the crossing would send us miles out of our way and therefore we would lose both our pleasure of walking this beautiful route and our right to walk this route using the current public footpath/bridleway.

The residents in the two nearby properties and farmer require this crossing to be open and it would be at severe detriment and great loss for them also if they were to lose both vehicular and pedestrian access.

I do hope you will consider my objections and not allow Somerton Crossing to be closed to pedestrians and vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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