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Sent: 17 June 2020 10:56  
To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>  
Cc: Somerton Parish Council <somertonparishcouncil@gmail.com>  
Subject: SOMERTON CROSSING PROPOSED CLOSURE MASTER PLAN 18/00825/HYBRID SPC

Dear Sir or Madam

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

I am a resident in Somerton having lived here for more than ten years and I regularly walk the public footpath/bridle way that crosses the railway line at Somerton Crossing. This public footpath is the main access to the wonderful circular walks around Somerton and to enable us to walk along the canal towpaths we have to cross the railway line and the canal. Many villagers walk this route and to close this crossing would be at extreme detriment to all, would stop us using the public footpath/bridleway that has been our right, and we would have to go miles out of our way to walk the circular routes we have previously enjoyed.

In these dreadful times of the coronavirus pandemic where we have to rethink our ways of life and some to self-isolate, it is essential we have access to our public footpaths and local countryside where we can walk freely and partake in regular exercise and not to have our footpaths and bridleways closed.

It is also essential for the residents in the two nearby properties and the farmer, that this crossing remains open as it is imperative they retain both vehicular and pedestrian access.

I 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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