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18th June 2020

Dear Andrew,

Re: Cherwell ref 18-00825-HYBRID Heyford Park Camp Rd 1175 dwellings-care dwellings-retail Network Rail comments 04062020

Further to the above proposals, we **object** to closing Somerton railway crossing. For the following reasons:

- **Property access:** This would prevent access to two dwellings from Somerton.
- **Emergency access:** No alternative has been proposed for the emergency services to these two dwellings.
- **Field access:** This would restrict the use of land accessed only by this crossing.
- **Utility service access:** This would prevent utility services such as electricity being accessed via the crossing for emergency repairs and maintenance. No alternative access arrangements included in the application.
- **Circular walk:** This would be a great loss if closed to the parish of Somerton as this walk is highly valued and regularly used by the community.

The application does not include any mitigation to address the above issues.

I hope that the council consider our objection to closing the crossing.

Yours sincerely,

Neil and Primrose Clare