From: SuzieL Sent: 18 June 2020 10:22 To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk> Subject: Closure of Somerton Rail Crossing and access to the houses on the Heyford Road

## **Dear Sirs**

I am writing to ask that the above crossing is not closed, simply it is the only way I can walk down to the towpath, turn right and walk along the towpath until I reach the road from Somerton to North Aston. It is not possible is walk from beside the Somerton Church through the gate and down over the bridge to the towpath as the farmer - Jeremy Brown - has locked the gate and covered it in barbed wire; also that is not a right of way. So the only way for all Somertonians to have a round walk is over the Somerton Rail crossing and along the towpath; actually both ways.

However I am finding the traffic from the Upper Heyford base much more difficult for getting out from my drive onto the Heyford Road. I live in Fermor House and more traffic will made it almost impossible for me to leave without an impending crash.

I would be asking for the flow of traffic to be assessed before more houses are built on the base and also daily traffic coming for the attractions such as zip wires; to me that is an important issue.

Closing the Somerton Rail Crossing would be a mistake and I will stand on the line with Somertonians to stop this selfish idea of British Rail taking place.

from Mrs Suzanne Leon Fermor House, Heyford Road, Somerton