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Dear Andrew

I am saddened and shock to hear of the proposal to close Somerton rail crossing to pedestrians and cars. I am apposed to the plans.

Safety of pedestrians will but put at risk as villagers will have to walk along roads to access the canal especially in light of the new development traffic will increase.

This in an ancient foot path which is rare joins up communities and allows residents to enjoy the beautiful countryside without the danger of road use.

The point is made that such crossings increase danger due to dogs not been put on a lead but their is no signage to say put dogs on leads so no attempt has been made to remove this risk.This suggests it was not considered a risk previously although nothing has changed.

I have never bumped into or seen any residents from the Heyford Park community along this road or near the crossing point in all my 20 years of living here. Currently Aston View is not an access point and the new homes are not situated near the Somerton side. This means that the only access point would be along the Heyford Road which is not a safe walking area that the current proposal will put us in this situation. Also there would be no signage directing residents towards the crossing.

I have never seen children playing anywhere near the crossing in all my 20 years of living here. Children tend to go on long walks with family members and not alone.

Please keep me informed.

Regards
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