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To: Planning

Subject: Somerton Crossing . Master Plan 18/00825/HYBRID SPC

Dear Mr Lewis

I wish to register my objection to the proposal to close the Somerton crossing by Network Rail.

The use of this crossing by the residents of Somerton has been a very valuable asset for many years and particularly during the recent few months of lockdown. For daily exercise and to be able to appreciate the beautiful countryside in which we live this is an asset which, if closed, would be a massive loss to the village.

Another aspect which would be lost if the crossing is closed is the facility of being able to walk to the shop in Steeple Aston without having to resort to the car. Somerton has no shop.

The risk assessment suggests there have been 12 incidents of a gate being left open since 2008. Surely this is no reason to penalise the people of the surrounding villages who regularly use this facility nor the residents of the two properties adjacent to the crossing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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