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Subject: Somerton Crossing Proposed Closure

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fao: Andrew Lewis

I strongly object to the proposed closure of Somerton Crossing to pedestrians. I have used this

right of way since I first came to Somerton forty years ago and fell in love with the Cherwell Valley.

Its closure would have a huge impact on the leisure amenities of the people of Somerton, who have enjoyed access to circular walks within the parish for so many years. These walks include the Oxford Canal towpath southwards to the historic site of Somerton Mill and round via Mill Lane, back to the village.

If the increase in population because of further possible development at Heyford Park should hypothetically increase the numbers of people wanting to enjoy the beautiful area that includes the Cherwell Valley, then they should be able to enjoy it and respect it as much as Somerton residents do and use the access via Somerton Crossing as responsibly as all walkers and lovers of the countryside do.

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