

Witness: **Peter R Cronin-Hill**

Made: **14/08/2020**

**Witness Statement in relation to Glebe Way Level Crossing**

**PINS REF: 3226477**

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**Witness Statement of Peter R Cronin-Hill**

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1. I, **Peter Cronin-Hill** am a retired nurse.
2. I live at [REDACTED], Whitstable, Kent, CT5 4HR, where I have lived with my husband; **Christopher D Weller**, for 24 years, and have used the crossing almost daily since taking up permanent residence in Whitstable.
3. I make this statement because I **object** to the proposed extinguishment of the Glebe Way Level Crossing.
4. I **especialy use the crossing to avoid the dangerously narrow pavement under the bridge, when walking into the town for our daily shopping**; we also use it when taking the dogs for walks. Likewise, we use it to go to the beach; (my husband swims most of the year.)
5. **Closure would considerably reduce our spending in Whitstable's local shops** by forcing us to shop at multinationals outside of the town; Tesco or Aldi etc. Closure would also greatly reduce our ability to access the beach; a heart condition precludes 'easy' usage of the food bridge further 'up the line.' This may only sound a small thing to some, but my ability to easily exercise the dogs 'and myself,' would be reduced.  
  
May I add I feel it would isolate many older people from the town and sea front. To use an old song line; 'They would live 'all alone' on the wrong side of the tracks.'
6. I am prepared to attend the forthcoming inquiry to give oral evidence.

**Documents**

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: Peter R Cronin-Hill.

Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

**Addendum**

Pertaining to Glebe Way Level Crossing –

**Reference Number – 3226477**

Peter Cronin-Hill,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Whitstable  
Kent  
CT54HR  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

31st August 2020.

I am making this statement of how narrow and sharp an angle the pavement under the railway bridge is at the top of Oxford St / Canterbury Road, because of the occasion (approximately 5 or 6 years ago) when my shoulder was walloped by a lorry wing mirror as I was walking under it.

I have also seen innumerable incidents of people having to step back against the wall, as I have also had to do on a number of occasions.

Pedestrians on the side going towards Canterbury also have to frequently step back against the wall or backwards to avoid wing mirrors of buses and lorries hitting them.

Using either side of the pavement is dangerous to pedestrians, because the pavements are too narrow, compounded by the angle of the road is too acute.

I did not report the incident as I did not get the number of the lorry.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Cronin-Hill,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Whitstable  
Kent  
CT54HR  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

31st August 2020.