

Witness: Nicki Leggatt
Made: 18.08.20

Witness Statement in relation to Glebe Way Level Crossing
PINS REF: 3226477

Witness Statement of Nicki Leggatt

- I, Nicki Leggatt, am a retired school and university teacher.
- I live at [REDACTED] West Cliff, Whitstable, CT5 1DJ and have lived in here for 17 years.
- I make this statement because I object to the proposed extinguishment of the Glebe Way Level Crossing.
- I use the crossing perhaps 4 or 5 times a month for a range of reasons: walking up to the doctor's surgery, returning from the bus stop, collecting take-aways from the Chinese restaurant, visiting friends who live the other side of the railway, and going for walks.
- If the crossing were to close all my reasons for using it as listed above would involve a longer walk. The alternative walks are either along Canterbury Road which is busy, polluted, noisy and potentially more dangerous especially under the railway bridge where traffic sometimes crowds the pavement, or across the pedestrian railway bridge and through small unlit or very poorly lit paths which would be unwise to use at night. The crossing is not unsafe if used with appropriate caution and could be made much safer with a higher level of technology such as self-locking gates when a train is approaching or more visual warnings such as lights.
- I am prepared to attend the forthcoming inquiry to give oral evidence.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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

Signed: Nicki Leggatt _____

Date: 18th August 2020