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Dear Ms Oddy,

Reference ROW/3201659

We wish to record our strongest objection to the proposal by Network Rail to replace the path between Well Road and Tudor Drive, Otford with a footbridge, for the following reasons.

1. There has not been a serious accident or fatality on the present crossing in over 158 years.
2. This route provides a much used path between Otford and Kemsing as well as an important link to the station for people living on the eastern side of the line.
3. A bridge of the proposed size would be hazardous for older people, the blind and those with young children in a pushchair, especially in bad weather.
4. There is no provision by Network Rail to clear a new bridge of ice, snow or wet leaves.
5. The alternative route via the main road is dangerous since it uses a narrow path alongside a very busy highway.
6. The substantial cost could be better utilised in other ways.

We hope that the adjudicators from Kent County Council will continue to reject this unsafe and unnecessary proposal.

Yours truly,

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