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Sent: 14 January 2020 08:45
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Foot Bridge

Dear Ann Mathews

Thank you for your email. We will be contacting you soon to let you know what the next steps are.

Kind regards

Yvonne

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Dear M/S Oddy,

Ref. Footpath SR49, Pilgrims Way, (Otford Kent) Rail Crossing Division Order 2019.

I do not want a 62 step footbridge at Otford railway station.

I am an 80 year old keen walker who has used the existing level crossing for many years and am still using it frequently on my hikes. The sight line for trains is very clear and as far as I know there has never been an accident at this point.

The railway company is correct in saying that access to the foot crossing is via a stile but how have disabled people and mothers with prams managed in the past?

How will ascending and descending 31 steps help these parties? What provision is the railway offering these groups?

Maintenance of the proposed bridge is a problem.

This will not be the responsibility of the railway who expect to pass this to the local council.

At a time when all councils are struggling to finance their existing commitments Otford or Kent should not have to carry this extra burden.

From a very selfish viewpoint, I will find it difficult to manage the steps which means this route may be barred to me and I am incensed at the thought of council tax payers having to pay to paint a railway bridge.

Yours faithfully,

Ann Matthews