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Dear Sirs

I would like to raise some concerns about this scheme. I live in Askern, on Moss Road. This area of Askern lies between the two main railway lines on the proposed scheme. While I am for the scheme in principle, I am very much against it as far as the people of Moss Road are concerned. The extra freight trains on the Askern crossing will cause huge problems for us. We already have traffic backed up onto the A19 when the crossing is down, and the traffic already on the A19 cannot go anywhere as cars etc wanting to go down Moss Road block the road so nothing can move, not even the cars wanting to go straight on towards Doncaster, so the traffic is backed up along the A19 to Selby Road where we have another crossing. This crossing is automatic so it ALWAYS goes up before the Moss Road crossing, causing an even greater build of traffic. The Moss Road area has a vast number of Aged Persons bungalows and the majority of Askerns' elderly live here. We also have an Old Peoples Home. They rely heavily on Public Transport. They even need the bus to get to the doctors. Even before we have all these extra trains (freight that go slowly) some of the buses when stuck on the A19 not able to get down Moss Road because of the crossing closure, will go straight along the A19, leaving elderly people waiting and waiting for a bus that does not arrive. We also are the ones who will need an ambulance more than others, we have had ambulances having to wait on the A19 not able to get down because the crossing is closed, and then when it is able to move cannot overtake or cars pull in because of parked cars (both side of the road). It can take 20 mins for it to get to the O.A.P. bungalows. I know one was behind me and there was nothing anyone could do to let it pass. SOME-ONE WILL DIE. (I made enquires and the lady concerned was ok.) I do hope someone from I.P.C. will come and see this. Oh by the way we have the fire engine GREAT, but its not manned all the time, so if the driver lives at the other side of the crossing we will still burn, just as much as the people on the other side, if the crossing is down and they had a fire

Network Rail are paying 1.2 million pounds for a bridge (I believe this is a HIGHWAY) in the middle of nowhere and which no-body except Network Rail want. We have a Road which will bypass the crossings on both Selby Road A19 and Moss Road. This could, and would be used by local people and emergency vehicles, taking traffic off the two roads which are causing untold havoc for residents. When I asked Network Rail if they would consider making this road usable for us, I was told they don't do HIGHWAYS.

I feel Network Rail should have informed the people of Moss Road about the extra freight on the lines, this has never been passed to us, and think Network Rail have (very) badly let the people of Askern down. It seems that once again the big man treading over the little man and not caring about the consequences their actions might cause.

This could so easily have been sorted to everyones satisfaction if all sides had got to-gether and acted with respect to each other, rather than this is what we want and this is what we are going to do. [REDACTED] mate.

Kind regards
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