

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PLANNING EXPECTORATE.

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WITH REGARD TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FREIGHT INTERCHANGE AND IT'S PERCEIVED EFFECT ON THE VILLAGES OF NARBOROUGH AND LITTLETHORPE.

Speaking as a resident on behalf of the Residents of Narborough & Littlethorpe, regarding the extra time the Level crossing will closed to traffic, causing severe backlog which filters back through The Square, Littlethorpe, sometimes as far back as Cosby Road and also causes heavy backlog around the B4114 Roundabout with traffic queueing for access to Narborough.

Major concerns:

1. **TIME:** Addition rail crossing closure, which is already **20mins per hour**, during the two hour "rush-hour" and the "School-run" congestion in the morning. Afternoon "School-run" congestion and "rush-hour" already see **40mins per hour** in the afternoon to early evening.
2. **HEALTH: Vehicle Pollution**, from queueing traffic **keeping engines running whilst crossing is closed**, causes health issues for Parents with prams; very young children and unaccompanied school age children as the bridge is not accessible for Prams; Toddlers; Wheelchairs; Mobility Scooters; cyclists; elderly; disabled people and other drivers who all get caught-up in the back log with no way to escape this pollution as unable to navigate the bridge.
3. **FLOODING: Building works** will contribute to further land flooding in Littlethorpe from insufficient drainage compounded by the destruction of plant life; trees; hedgerows and ditches other drain-aways on higher ground, both during the build and after. This will occur during periods of inclement weather, and in particular during the winter months.
4. **COSTS:** These crossing closures already cause problems for business transport, School Buses; Taxis; Delivery drivers; Refuse collection along with Large Commercial Vehicles cutting through the village from both Whetstone and Cosby. Which adds to pollution whilst stuck in the queue, with engines running.