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Dear Joanna

Commentary on Summary of Bar Charts for Meldreth Level Crossings (002)

I hope you might be able to accept this response – I have been away and have only just seen the call for additional feedback on the bar charts summary by 9AM on May 1st.

Shepreth and Meldreth Parish Councils, both partner members of the Meldreth Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership, have outlined their concerns on flawed data analysis in relation to prospective downtimes under the proposed full barrier system at Meldreth Road Level Crossing, and consequent new safety concerns for the mix of traffic modes on the public highway.

A core tenet of Meldreth Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership is access to rail, and supporting safe and sustainable multimodal travel to stations.

Calculations of barrier downtime for the proposed Meldreth Road upgrade, including important variations in the case of multiple passing trains, must be accurate and specific, both for public trust, and if implications for new multi-modal traffic safety risks are to be accurately calculated, and appropriately anticipated and mitigated. As outlined by Mr James and Mr Wood for Meldreth and Shepreth Parish Councils, such calculations have not been properly presented by Network Rail.

The paucity of evidence of compromised safety in the current half-barrier arrangement, and the current orderly flow of multi-modal traffic in both directions, underscores local concerns about any introduction of new risk.

This Community Rail Partnership actively engaged with Network Rail before and after the level crossing upgrade at Shepreth Station in 2018. Then, estimations of new barrier downtimes were not accurately presented in the public consultation, and new traffic safety risks not anticipated or mitigated against. I sincerely hope that this exercise will take on board lessons learned and restore public confidence.

Many thanks.

Best wishes,

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