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Madam,

Please note my objection to the Interim Decision to close Footpath 44 where it crosses Suter's Lane, Wanborough.

As I made clear in the evidence I provided at the Inquiry, my family and I have used the route through the land then forming part of 'Ducksbridge' on a frequent and regular basis, for more than thirty years. From the Burycroft end of the route, we climbed a somewhat 'rickety' stile put in place by Gerald Sadler the owner of Ducksbridge whose land the path crossed; this stile was directly alongside a typical wooden farm gate. Access to the other end of the path initially was gained via another farm gate. In later years, a gap on the western side of this gate was used, obviating the need to open and close the farm gate. Access and egress at this point was approximately four yards along the track that leads to various houses, such as Wrightsbridge.

As mentioned by my husband Martin Savage, when giving evidence to the Inquiry, on one occasion our then quite young (now 25 years) grandson, curious to take a closer look at the ducks on Mr. Sadler's pond, which was directly alongside the caravan site and close to the path, received an electric shock when he touched the perimeter fence that surrounded the pond to protect the waterfowl from predators.

I can do no better than reiterate what my husband has written in his objection to Interim Decision to close FP44: 'This path is of vital importance providing as it does, a safe alternative to the road, when walking along The Marsh and Burycroft. Given the substantially increased amount of motor vehicle traffic that now uses these narrow lanes, its need is of ever-increasing importance as it enables one to avoid a 'blind' corner, where there is no other alternative than to walk on the road'.

Yours truly

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