



Gravesham Rights Of Way Committee

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Shornemead Level Crossing – Construction of a stepped footbridge.

Our organisation would like to support this application. Our members were at the forefront in efforts to record the crossing on the Definitive Map and Statement as a Public Right of Way following its closure back in 2009.

We were of course very disappointed to see the crossing closed again more recently. Now with the creation of the England Coastal Path Footpath NS368 is a vital link through to this longest of all National Trails.

Although we would normally insist that all new structures such as this footbridge are fully accessible to all in this case the need to prevent unauthorised motorcycles and keep the impact on the surrounding countryside to a minimum a stepped bridge is acceptable.

The design – a steel structure, with ornate 'lattice' infill, and in an appropriate colour is in keeping with the style of bridge seen across Kent since the introduction of the railways in the mid 19th Century.

We hope that works will commence quickly, and the crossing can be opened as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Dickenson
Chairman - GROWC