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Dear Mr Rees,

Re: Halesworth barrow crossing usage

Following the recent works and discussions between Network Rail and Halesworth Town Council to improve the safety for users of the Halesworth Barrow Crossing we are writing to you to provide an update and to seek your support.

As we outlined in previous discussions, we planned to undertake two further camera census surveys, where we needed to see an improvement in user behaviour to enable the crossing to be kept open. We have now completed a more recent 9 day camera census that was undertaken from Saturday 17th June to Sunday 25th June 2017. The table below provides a summary of the recorded misuse:

Crossing Misuse

	Misuse					
Day	Walking down side of track	Walking on tracks instead of crossing	Stopping on crossing	Walking behind/ in front of stationary trains	Cycling across crossing	Total
Saturday 17 June 2017				35	5	40
Sunday 18 June 2017				14	1	15
Monday 19 June 2017				28	3	31
Tuesday 20 June 2017				42	2	44
Wednesday 21 June 2017		1		28	4	33
Thursday 22 June 2017		1		11	1	13
Friday 23 June 2017		2		23	16	40
Saturday 24 June 2017				25	14	39
Sunday 25 June 2017		1		15	6	22
TOTAL		5		221	52	278

Unfortunately, even after all of our and your organisations work it is clear that user behaviour isn't improving. Before we undertake the final 9 day census in November 2017, we wanted to seek your help on promoting safe usage of the crossing between now and ahead of the second survey.

We welcome your thoughts on this and hope that we can work together so that we can see a real shift in user behaviour so that the crossing can remain open in the future. If you would like to meet to discuss please contact Route level crossing manager, Dan Fisk on daniel.fisk@networkrail.co.uk.

With best wishes,

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