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Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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Dear Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP,

CLOSURE OF WEST BOUND PLATFORM AND REMOVAL OF FOOTBRIDGE AT PILNING STATION, SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

In July of this year it became known to the parish council that Network Rail had consulted the necessary bodies regarding the closure of the westbound platform at Pilning Station, South Gloucestershire so that the footbridge would not have to be replaced during the electrification of the line. However, Network Rail did not consult the parish council or local community.

Pilning station west bound platform abuts the South West Enterprise Zone and whilst only currently giving a parliamentary service it has huge potential in the near future to ease the traffic chaos in our area. Pilning station is on the main line from South Wales to London.

Network Rail cannot use footfall as an excuse to close the west bound platform because the current service is only on a Saturday departing at 08.32 and returning at 15.40.

Locally there have been petitions signed and meetings held to find ways to keep the west bound platform open but we now look to you for your support in this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sent via email

Victoria Bywater
Clerk, Parish Council

cc. Jack Lopresti MP
District Councillor Robert Griffin
Mrs Frances Barr, MBE, Chairman Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council