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Dear Mr Brown

At the Planning Committee meeting of Atherstone Town Council held on Wednesday 11th November 2009, the Town Council discussed further the application for demolition of the Atherstone Station footbridge.

I have been asked to write to you again prior to your forthcoming Planning Board Meeting.

The Town Council did respond as follows on 22nd October 2009:

PAP /2009/0440 Atherstone Station, Long Street, Atherstone

Listed Building Consent for demolition of station footbridge (as part of a wider scheme to create DDA compliant access to the station).

It was resolved to object to the removal of the foot bridge as it had not been clearly demonstrated that there was a risk to the structure. The footbridge is part of the heritage of Atherstone, it is consistent with the old station building and should be retained for the heritage of the Town and kept in Atherstone. In addition the footbridge provides essential means of crossing the tracks for example in the case of an emergency.

In addition the Town Council now request that decisions are delayed pending investigations taking place about possible funding that may enable the bridge to be retained.

Also they wish to ask whether the emergency services have been consulted with regard to the implications of removing the bridge in the event of an emergency requiring police, ambulance or fire service access.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sally Oldham
Trainee Town Clerk

