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Dear Gareth,

We are writing to complain that there appear to be no diversion signs for the works on the Cycle and Pedestrian Bridge over the railway at Cambridge Railway Station. Please forward the comments below to the relevant people in the County Council.

When similar works take place on Mill Road bridge there are a series of advanced notices and press publicity about the closure.

Earlier during the year a series of plastic diversion signs were affixed at various places in the vicinity of the cycle bridge works. These were in the right spirit of informing pedestrians and cyclists. However they were inadequate because they were flimsy and could easily be turned around, even by the wind.

Also, those signs remained long after the bridge had re-opened and so devalued their purpose. E.g. see the photo at <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/map/location/8733/> which was taken on 28 June 2006 showing two of the signs pointing in opposite directions.

We acknowledge that you have chosen a quiet time of the year to schedule this closure but despite this it remains an important and busy route for both cyclists and pedestrians. We understand that the works have cost in the region of £700,000. Given this investment, it is disappointing that the contractors did not ensure that adequate diversionary signage was put in place on approaches to the bridge from the cycle network.

While we are pleased that the cycle bypass at the entrance to Stockwell Street from Mill Road was improved, we remain concerned that most of the suggestions in our letter at: <http://www.camcycle.org.uk/campaigning/letters/2005/C05016CycleBridgeClosure.pdf> at the start of the series of closures have not been taken up or actioned. We ask for action

on these now. We understand from Clare Rankin that the obstructive pram arms and their posts at the junction of Charles Street and Argyle Street have been added to the list of projects to be funded through the Minor Cycle schemes budget, but no action has been forthcoming yet¹.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Simon Nuttall

Copies to: Coleridge and Petersfield City and County Councillors, Councillor Sian Reid.

¹ E-mail from Clare Rankin, 13th January 2006