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Being railroaded?

Regarding the Sept. 8 article "Apex on prowl for rail crossings," I'm confused! How come the private property owners in New Hill don't have the same protection as CSX in Apex?

How can the railroad stop the town from building roads over its tracks? Can't the town condemn the property for the public good, just like Cary, Apex and Morrisville did to build a sewage treatment plant in New Hill? Is that why the underpass at N.C. 55 is such a bottleneck, because the railroad won't cooperate?

Somehow the politicians are finding a way to take the land from the people in New Hill. I can't imagine they can't come up with a legal way to twist the CSX's arm to allow the crossings without shutting down other crossings.

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