

OBJECTIONS

TO: The Secretary of State for Transport, Department for Transport
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THIS MUST BE RETURNED BY 17TH FEBRUARY 2010 TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

I object to the proposed scheme for the following reasons: (please place tick or cross in box if you agree)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual concerns have not been properly addressed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Since the start of the consultation process, there has been an incremental and significant increase in numbers of trains; new passenger timetable (May 2009), trains on Sundays, more freight trains
<input type="checkbox"/>	The new track will bring trains closer to my property which will increase noise and vibration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faster trains will increase noise and vibration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Freight trains will be longer and carry larger loads which will increase noise and vibration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trains can be heard above the background noise in my house, such as the television, boiler, fridge, etc., even when the windows are closed. The noise and vibration from passing trains is overwhelming in the garden and in my house if the windows are open. With many more trains, living in adjacent properties to the railway line will become intolerable, our neighbourhood will be destroyed by both the exodus of those people that can afford to move and by a fall in quality of the area. This will inevitably impact on the value of my house making moving to a similarly pleasant location (as now) within Oxford much more difficult
<input type="checkbox"/>	As transport by rail increases, the numbers of passenger and freight trains will continue to increase incrementally once the scheme is complete leading to further increases in noise and vibration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pollution levels in the immediate vicinity already exceed EU statutory guidelines, and these will be further exacerbated
Any other comments (please use an additional sheet, if necessary)	

I urge Chiltern Railways and/or Network Rail to: (please place tick or cross in box if you agree)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that everything possible is done to reduce the impact of the increased train service, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installation of fully-effective noise and vibration barriers next to the track as a matter of urgency concurrent with the work, • install track infrastructure designed to reduce noise and vibration including welded track, rail dampers, etc., • use only well maintained rolling stock fitted with noise and vibration mitigating devices including wheel dampers, etc., • use trains that retain sanitary waste for off-track disposal, and • review all noise and vibration mitigating measures every six months and repair or upgrade as necessary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Base mitigation on the numbers of passenger and (longer, heavier) freight trains projected to operate after completion of EastWest Rail and then no subsequent incremental increases in train traffic allowed without full consultation with residents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide funding to equip my house with the highest quality glazing and to undertake any repairs to my house caused by vibration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain and enforce the present speed restriction (40 mph) on all trains along the sections of the track adjoining residential areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	No trains during the night from 00:00 until 05:00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrify the line as soon as practically possible
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FROM: Signed.....
 Print Name
 Address

DateFebruary 2010