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Subject: Spelthorne Development Plan - Route of the Airtrack Rail Scheme

I couldn't find an appropriate form on your website.

Please accept the following comment in opposition to the proposals for Airtrack Rail Scheme via Staines Town Centre:

Railtrack have already ruined our personal environment in Station Path by the total removal of established trees which served as a visual and noise barrier to the track. Only now is new growth beginning to re-establish.

As you can imagine we fear worse is to come:

- The environmental destruction of our town by placing train tracks on stilts creating an extremely negative visual.
- 24 hour noise and dirt pollution - a major fear for local 'train line' residents
- Creation of another Clapham Junction with no benefit to Staines residents or traders as passengers will stay firmly on their trains to and from Heathrow airport.
- The destruction of our natural moor land – plant life, wildlife etc.
- Increase in car traffic and parking problems as train passengers use our residential roads in which to park for free and then travel on by train to Heathrow or other destinations. *(As in fact they do now in George Street - and all the other surrounding streets. We Council Tax payers are providing our streets as free car parks for commuters and estate agents/shop and local office workers)*

In summary: Staines has benefited from a vast amount of money and effort in its rejuvenation – town planning which has succeeded and is something of which we can all be proud. I hope Spelthorne Council continue to consider the very serious and unconstructive implications this proposed railway intersection will have on the quality of life for the residents, together with the huge negative impact on the town as a whole. Other than the very minor benefit of providing an alternative to using the bus (or existing train) to travel to Heathrow, I do not feel this proposal will have any real social or commercial benefit to Staines whatsoever.

Yours faithfully

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