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From: Tony Davis [mailto:tdavis@airtrack.org]
Sent: 05 July 2007 23:56
To: Dyer, Alan
Subject: Spelthorne Development Plan - Airtrack

Dear Mr Dyer

This email is in response to your letter of 18 June 2007 with regard to Safeguarding the route of the Airtrack Rail Scheme.

Our house is:
139 Waters Drive
Staines
Middlesex
TW18 4RP

It is adjacent to the rail bridge over the River Colne, thus we are one of the closest houses to the existing Windsor Line and hence would be severely impacted should Airtrack go ahead:

1. Significant increase in the number of trains passing our house. In addition to the normal noise, trains heading towards Windsor blow their horns outside our house. Thus we will have frequent and loud noise making life in our house very uncomfortable and our garden virtually unusable.
2. In addition to the noise, the frequent trains will cause vibration affecting the structural integrity of our house;
3. As well as concern about the impact whilst we live here, we are also concerned that the line will adversely impact house prices and the saleability of our house when we come to move;
4. The chord across the car park in Staines is likely to take out car parking spaces, yet the proposed new railway station near the Iron Bridge is likely to generate more demand for car parking, thus putting pressure on local roads like the Mooremede Estate;
5. Building the new station is likely to cause noise and disruption particularly as we use the road beside the Garibaldi inn as our access to Staines town centre when shopping;
6. Building the track alongside Staines Moor will remove a very pleasant footpath and diminish the amenity of a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area of national and international interest. We are particularly concerned about the loss of the tree line shielding Staines Moor from the M25.

Whilst we understand the motivations behind Airtrack, we would like to know how the direct impacts on us are going to be minimised and compensated for.

Bearing in mind the above, we feel that Policy CC4 could be interpreted as ignoring the potential impacts on us and our neighbours. To make this concern explicit could line 3 of paragraph 2 please be amended to read:

“particularly on Staines Moor, Staines town centre and residential areas along the proposed Airtrack route, are fully assessed....”

Can you please keep us informed of the recommendations of the inspector.

Regards

Tony Davis and Heather George

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