

Dyer, Alan

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To: Dyer, Alan
Subject: Pelthorne Development Plan - Airtrack

Dear Mr Dyer

Further to your letter dated 18/6/07, safeguarding the route of The Airtrack Rail scheme, I would like to take this opportunity to voice our concerns over this.

Our address is:
 3 Station Path
 Staines
 Middx
 TW18 4LW

Our house is directly opposite the Windsor Line and any changes would make a severe impact on our house and on our lives.

- 1 There will be a significant increase in the number of trains that would pass by the front of our house. Currently we get 1 every 1/2 hour, to increase this to one every 5 minutes would make living here unbearable and using our garden impossible not to mention not being able to even have windows open because of continual noise. The vibrations would increase that will cause damage to our house.
2. Although we currently live at this address we fear that such a proposal will considerably reduce the resale value of our house and have an impact on the house prices on this area. The development of The Two Rivers has no doubt contributed to the increasing house prices and the appeal that Staines has to new residents. However, all this good work will be undone if this proposal is to go ahead.
3. The increase in traffic will make Staines inaccessible to its residents. We already have a major parking problem and we have to put up with people leaving their cars in our roads and then catching the train to work on a daily basis. If we had a direct link to Heathrow we would have people leaving their cars on our roads and catching the train to go to Heathrow.
4. Although Staines now has modern shopping amenities it is a very pleasant town to live in. Every development has been done in a way that ensures that our town is still appealing to the eye. However, this development will be a noisy, ugly, eyesore. Staines will turn into Clapham Junction. This development will not mean that more people come into Staines to go shopping or have a meal. People will come here to park their cars and catch the train to Heathrow. Staines will just become a car park for travellers or a town that people look at through a window as they approach the station.
5. We do understand the need for less vehicles on the road. However, such a development in our town centre will surely increase traffic pollution and noise pollution. Most of the work done on the Windsor Line has only been done at night and for us residents who live near it it means a lot of sleepless nights.

Whilst we understand why there is a need for this Airtrack Scheme, we would like to know how the direct impact on the residents that live nearby is going to be minimised & compensated for.

We feel that policy CC4 could be interpreted as ignoring the potential impacts on us & our neighbours. It has no mention of residents only 'environmental' impacts on Staines Moor & Staines Town Centre' We feel that it should be amended to include the wording " **particularly on Staines Moor, Staines Town Centre and any residential areas along the proposed Airtrack route, are fully assessed.....**"

It would be appreciated if you could keep us informed of the recommendations of the inspector.

Kind Regards,

03/08/2007

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