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Subject: Re: Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order OBJ/194

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Anne Jordan

Dear Ms Moeng,

Thank you for your letter. It has gone some of the way to clarifying the proposals and I note that after mitigation measures are in place you do not expect the noise levels to increase by more than 3db.

So that I am sure I understand this fully, can you confirm the expected maximum noise level, after mitigation, at the point a train passes my home, for both passenger and freight? If I understand what you are saying correctly then the noise will not be greater than 52db?

Also can you explain why you conclude that there will be no adverse effects from vibration? I ask because when I originally moved to _____, a freight train would pass on the line 1 day a week, Tuesday I believe, at 11am. The first time I was present when it passed by, the noise and vibration was so bad I thought an airplane was about to land on my house. Subsequently neighbours who have lived here when the line was active told me that the vibration from passing freight was so bad that it would cause their clock to almost jump off their mantelpiece.

Can you also confirm that the only trees you intent to pollard are the ones behind the current fence and not the very larger mature trees on the grass verge opposite my house?

I still don't understand what the plan for the grass verge opposite my house actually is. It appears to be marked in some way for access. Can you please clarify if you are going to be altering it so that it is used by vehicles, if so will it be returned to a grass verge after you have completed the works? Or will it remain as is for the duration?

On the matter of the consultation. In theory the documents were made available in PDF format but in practice they could not be opened. I did e mail before the consultation closed to point this out but it was not rectified in time and I did not receive a response to my request for the relevant documents to be emailed to me. The documents are now accessible but this only after the consultation ended and are somewhat complicated. Finding the relevant information is neither quick nor easy.

I have attended all the consultations I was made aware of since the year 2000, registered my interest and still have the documentation issued at the time. The

information at all the events I attended has been generic, undetailed and focused on the wider good. As far as I am aware this was the only consultation where the information available included details of the potential impact on my area. However, despite having my details on record and knowing that line side neighbours would be impacted, I was not notified by Network Rail.

It is of no value to me that 136,700 leaflets were distributed if I did not receive one. Nor is it of any value that the one event I subsequently did find out about was held in Newton Longville on a week day and ended at 5pm as I have work commitments and a 5pm end makes attendance difficult. The local newspaper deliveries to my property and that of my neighbours are random, so if you did advertise it must have been in an issue that was not delivered to this area. By the time I checked the Network Rail website there was only a week left of the consultation. Indeed I only found out at all because the pro EW rail group emailed me a set letter of support asking me to send a copy to you.

I am giving evidence at the Public Enquiry on 21st February 2019, so a response before that date would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

Anne Jordan