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From: Neil Franklin <
Sent: 28 August 2018 20:57
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Cc: info@eastwestrail.org.uk
Subject: Network Rail East West Rail TWA Order

Sir/Madam,

I wish to notify you of my objection to East West Rail being constructed as a Traditional Railway without overhead electrification.

My reasons for this objection are as follows ;-

1. The statement made by the Secretary of State for Transport that other means of propulsion than Diesel or electrification are readily available has proved to be false. It will be many years before Hydrogen propelled trains are proven and running on any system.
2. Bimode trains are more costly, heavier and more polluting than Electric trains. Diesel trains are being phased out.
3. The costs of electrification can be controlled by good management.
4. By electrification being part of the original specification costs should not be excessive.
5. As this is essentially a new railway the problems encountered on the electrification of the line to Cardiff will not arise.
6. Electric railways are cheaper to run and maintain.
7. Electric trains are quiet and have better acceleration and braking.
8. Electrification is a proven technology used through out Europe and the World. No other country would build a new line that was not Electrified.

This response to the TWA is raised by
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