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Subject: Opposition to East West Rail link

Dear Secretary of State for Transport

I'm writing to express our opposition to the above rail proposal and urge you to hold an independent public enquiry, to include an investigation into the impact on local residents in terms of noise, vibration and pollution, and to consider making compensation available.

Our reasons for opposition are as follows:

- East West Rail Consortium is not an objective or independent body and so the consultation they have conducted is biased. My evidence is the series of emails I have received from them urging me to 'show my support', rather than 'express my opinion'.
- Our house is within 100m of the existing line in Bletchley and we do not believe that the noise, vibration and pollution mitigation described by EWRC will be sufficient to enable us to continue to enjoy the peace and quiet of our house and garden.
- Although there has been an environmental impact assessment this did not cover vibration impact.
- The proposal to use diesel trains instead of electric is contradictory to Government policies regarding diesel cars, and will unnecessarily increase the pollution and noise levels.
- The fact that there is no compensation available to me because the line already exists, even though it was disused when we bought our house, is entirely unfair.
- The fact that there is no full proposal for the route from Bletchley to Cambridge means that the entire scheme could fail at a huge waste of public money.

We are also concerned about the proposed construction hours: the phase 2 leaflet says that construction hours will be 7-6 Monday-Friday and 8-4 Saturday, and Sunday by exception (and doesn't mention bank holidays). Whereas the Milton Keynes council website quotes the Control of Pollution Act 1974 giving more restricted hours of 8-6 Monday-Friday, 8-1 Saturday and no work on Sundays and bank holidays.

We expect the construction to be confined to these hours.

We urge you to take our concerns into account and conduct a full independent enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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