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The pdf documents on the consultation website will not open or print this means that I have only been able to access the considerable amount of documentation in paper form at the library and as a result have not been able to use a find facility on the documents which has made the process less transparent and overly complicated.

As a result, you are not providing the relevant information in a suitable format to allow me to understand the full impact and therefore comment on all relevant aspects. In addition the timescales have been too short given the sheer volume of hardly accessible information. This will impact on the validity of the consultation and leave it open to a legal challenge.

In response, as it stands, I do not support the reopening of the mothballed section along its current route. I live 50m approx from the old rail line near the Bletchley Newton Longville bridge and to date have had no information at all as to levels of noise, vibration, how they will be managed or information on compensation for people affected by a reduction in property value and enjoyment of their home.

Despite being in an area and property identified in para 15.7.100 as being adversely affected during both construction and operation, I have not been contacted directly to be informed of the proposals. I would have at least expected a letter directing me to the consultation.

Indeed having looked at the proposals the whole vital issue of noise, vibration and mitigation has been glossed over. After acknowledging that there will be a significant adverse effect both during construction and from the trains themselves to 122 properties in route sections 2A and 2B, there is only an airy declaration that mitigation measures will take care of it apart from some adverse effects from ground borne noise and vibration. All this starting at 7am and going on until 11pm 7 days a week will have a negative impact on people's health. It's also stated unhelpfully at 15.7.100 that "the residential properties within RFFP AV6 are partially within the contours for significant operational noise to be experienced from the operational railway; however the sequence of developments mean that it will be the developers responsibility to assess the potential impacts of the Project on the RFFP AV6 site and design and/or mitigate accordingly" This is hardly reassuring and a blatant disregard for the well being of people in this area as well as an abdication of responsibility as no doubt once approval is given we will be overlooked.

In addition there is mention of construction pollution and dust as well as NOx emissions from moving diesel locomotives with a potentially significant impact para 8.3.69. I have an existing lung condition that is likely to be significantly affected by increased pollution with long term consequences.

In addition, the proposal for "New improved access" which appears to be on the existing grass verge is a further worry in terms of noise, pollution and generally being unsightly. The verge is lined with beautiful black poplar trees that I am concerned will be removed or harmed. If removed this will remove an existing noise barrier as well as a privacy screen and further decimate the number of black poplar in Britain. Black poplar, according to the Forestry Commission is the most endangered native timber tree in Britain.

In addition I have concerns regarding the proposal for freight trains in addition to a passenger train running past my home every 15 mins.

As a result I can only object to any work taking place and the line reopening.

Aside from my personal concerns, lately the train services have become less affordable and more unreliable. I can't see this changing. Perhaps it would be better to focus on current services as recently I have found train travel inconvenient and uneconomic.

Regards

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