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Sent: 06 August 2010 16:50
To: Angela Foster
Subject: RE: proposed Chiltern Railways (Bicester to Oxford Improvements) Order

Dear Angela,

Thank you very much for your assistance today and for forwarding a copy of the letter.

Kind regards,

Alistair

From: Angela Foster [mailto:Angela.Foster@dft.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 August 2010 16:37
To: alistair.buckley@throwingsevens.co.uk
Subject: proposed Chiltern Railways (Bicester to Oxford Improvements) Order

Dear Mr Buckley,

Further to our telephone conversation please find attached a copy of the Inquiry arrangements letter issued on 17 June. As discussed, we will take your original objection as your statement of case. Please ensure that any further information/documents reach us by Friday 13 August at the latest.

Kind regards

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The Secretary of State for Transport
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13th February 2010

Re: Chiltern Railways Evergreen 3 Project

Dear Lord Adonis,

I am writing to you with regard to the Transport and Works Act Order application put forward to you by Chiltern Railways for improvements to the Bicester to Oxford railway, known as the Evergreen 3 project.

Having studied the plans and documents made available by Chiltern Railways, I feel I must strongly express my objection to a number of elements of this project regarding its effect on my property.

My property, 42 Whimbrel Close, Bicester, backs onto the existing single line track between Tubbs Crossing and Gavray Drive, with the rear of the house being about 20 metres from the centre of the track way centreline for the double tracking project.

The reasons for my objection are:

1. The proposed increased rail traffic and its speed:

The proposed substantial increase in the rail traffic and its speed, in relation to the present track usage, will result in a significant increase in noise disturbance and its frequency within the house and out in the garden, considerably adversely affecting my use and quiet enjoyment of the property, possibly with the experience of some vibration. Additionally there is the possibility that the trains could be left idling close to the property while they wait for the nearby level crossing to come down, further increasing the noise disturbance.

I have noted that the Non-technical Summary Environmental Statement says that "Predicted noise impacts described as substantial or high will occur at 16 locations, generally houses close to the railway from the western end of Gavray Drive". Clearly my property is one of these.

2. Loss of privacy :

Since the increase in rail traffic is made up of passenger trains there will be a significant effect on my personal privacy since the height of the track in relation to my property means that people on board the trains will be able to see into the main bedroom, conservatory, and garden all of which will also affect my quiet enjoyment of these areas. Additionally I am concerned that there will be

an additional loss of privacy in my main bedroom caused by the proposed footbridge crossing near Garth Park which would replace the ground level crossing currently in place.

3. The effect on the value and saleability of the property:

As a result of these proposals and for the reasons outlined above, the value and future saleability of my property will also be permanently and adversely affected also.

I sincerely hope that you and your colleagues will take all of the above into consideration when contemplating this application.

Yours sincerely

Mr Alistair Buckley