

Evidence for REP/7 to the Evergreen3 TWA Inquiry.

I represent the parts of North Oxford most affected by the proposed Evergreen3 project. For most people it will be a huge benefit to have a railway station at Water Eaton , avoiding the need to make the often difficult journey to the railway station in the centre of Oxford. However, for those people whose gardens back onto the line, there will be disbenefits in terms of increased noise and possibly vibration. Particularly affected are residents in Lakeside , Blenheim Drive and Stone Meadow.

I therefore ask that mitigation measures be agreed with those affected to minimise this nuisance. That means noise barriers as well as the minimisation of noise at source on the track, and where needed wide-spaced double glazing to reduce noise experienced inside the property. The visual effect of the barriers should be considered too.

There is concern about the noise to be expected from freight trains and it would be desirable to take all possible steps to reduce such traffic during evening and night times.

The construction phase is likely to be noisy; residents need to be kept well-informed of when this work will be done near them and strict time limits for working must be in place and enforced.

The allotment users at Aristotle Lane face a much longer journey to their allotments if the level crossing they currently use is closed. An acceptable alternative route must be provided which complies with the DDA, as many allottees are elderly and not very mobile. The Allotment Association should be involved in the discussion of such alternatives to the level crossing. As a minimum, the descent from the bridge on the west side needs to be made more gradual and an all-weather path provided to the allotment gates.

As it is essential to reduce carbon emissions, cyclists and pedestrians should be given safe and easy access to the Parkway station. Best wishes

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