

Trevor Thacker's Reply to Comments by National Highways REP1-182

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National Highways stated:

Stifford Clays Road compound East would be located north of Stifford Clays Road, east of the A122. It would be approximately **6.7ha in size**, with space for car parking, offices, welfare facilities and storage. Around half of the site would be set aside for **earthworks stockpiling**. Fencing would be put in place to provide noise and visual screening to nearby sensitive receptors.

It would be in place throughout the construction period. Construction compound facilities **greater than 6m in height** would be located as westerly as reasonably practicable, to maximise distance from residential properties on Stifford Clays Road and Fen Lane.

The compound is located over **150m from the residential properties** to the east on Fen Lane and approximately **50m from the closest residential properties** to be retained to the south. In recognition of these residential properties the compound has been slightly repositioned from its initial location and changed shape to move away from local residents at Fen Lane, Green Lane and Baker Street.

In addition, the commitment set out above to locate facilities greater than 6m in height as westerly as reasonably practicable would also seek to reduce any impacts upon these sensitive receptors during construction.

My reply:

Im sure the residents of this part of Orsett are delighted to hear that a construction compound of 6.7 ha 50% of which contains massive earthworks will be at least 50m from their homes. As it will have a fence it most surely wont have any detrimental effects on the lives of residents in terms of air pollution, noise, light etc etc for the short period the entire construction of the road (7 years ish).

Thanks National Highways, nothing to worry about then.
I disagree wholeheartedly.