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Good evening

I would like to register my objection to the proposed Trinity footbridge, whilst I appreciate my neighbours Mr & Mrs Sanders have already raised similar concerns, we would like to make our objection clear and ask some further questions with regards the Applicants responses to the initial questions posed by Mr & Mrs Sanders.

- Why is the footbridge required?

With reference to the response from the Applicant in 9.5 ExA.OFH.D1.V1 – Response to Representations at the Open Floor Hearing, whilst I have not seen the table (4.20 of DCO document reference 6.25 ES Volume 4 Appendix 16.1 Transport Assessment Pt Main Report (Part 1 of 18) (Examination Library ref: APP 155),) nor question the fact that the "Rail Authority in 2002, Network Rail has adopted a national 'no new level crossing' rule which extends to any level crossing on a disused line which is brought back into operation." I do not believe either offers any clear justification as to why this footbridge is required. We not only question the the value of building such a large structure when to walk around the new proposed footpaths would be an additional 100 meters, we would like to understand why this is required, who is it servicing, what is the driver to spend all that money and cause significant privacy and noise issues for multiple properties, this is not a public right of way. Who is this bridge for? Can you offer predicted numbers for each category? Could I please be directed to this document for future reference - (4.20 of DCO document reference 6.25 ES Volume 4 Appendix 16.1 Transport Assessment Pt Main Report (Part 1 of 18) (Examination Library ref: APP 155)

- Dog walkers - they are out for a walk an additional 100 meters would be not an issue.
- General walkers - they are out for a walk an additional 100 meters would be not an issue.
- Bikes - Will bikes be allowed to ride on the bridge? Most will opt to stay on the flat and use the new proposed footpaths and not have to navigate the multiple tight turns proposed and a 1:15 incline.
- Scooters/Skateboards - Will they be allowed to ride on the bridge?

"The Applicant also consulted the local Disability Forum on the bridge design and accepted the need for a compromise between length and gradient." Can you confirm who was consulted? Can you confirm the number of predicted disability users?

- The design of the footbridge

The response by the Applicant in 9.5 ExA.OFH.D1.V1 with regards the design of the bridge does not address any of the privacy and noise concerns that all local property owners have with regards the proposed bridge. The design justification

from a national standards point of view is referenced but nothing with regards any consideration to local residents. We should be entitled to fully understand the impact of this construction.

- Would it be possible to see a series of pictures from various locations and heights of the proposed footbridge design into all properties so this can be assessed?
- Would it be possible to clearly identify and mark all trees that will remain so we can understand the 'possible' screening suggested?
- Can the applicant commit to significant planting of mature trees? If so, how many, what size and what location?
- Could you please replicate the lighting proposed so we can all experience what 500 LED lights flashing on and off all night and see how that will impact our children sleeping in their bedrooms?
- Will there be CCTV on the bridge, if so can you please provide a clear statement of what views will be monitored and offer sample views to all neighbouring properties?
- Can you please share pictures of existing bridges of the same design so we can see what is proposed and how it looks in their existing settings?

We would also be keen to know what will be in place to stop motorised scooters and mopeds from using the bridge, there is an existing issue where mopeds/motorcycles use the current crossing at night, what will you have in place to stop this?

This bridge will have a significant detrimental impact on our properties and I think this needs to be considered at a much more detailed level with all locals involved in that process, whilst I appreciate referencing national standards and documents has its place I believe the impact of designs need to be fully understood and considered in detail at a very local level.

- Compensation to local residents

I do not know what the process is and what we are entitled to with regards compensation due to the impact of a Public Infrastructure project but I want to be certain I do not miss any deadline with regards submitting a claim for (though not limited to) the following :

- Impact to the value of our property due to the building of the station.
- Impact to the value of our property due to the reopening of the disused railway line.
- Impact to the value of our property due the the building of the footbridge.
- Compensation during the construction of the station.
- Compensation during the construction of the footbridge.
- Legal fee compensation if required to fight the construction of the proposed footbridge.
- Legal fee compensation if required to secure the above compensation.

Please advise where we can familiarise ourselves with this process.

- The Station

In addition to the above objection/questions on the Footbridge I have a few questions with regards the station. I have not familiarised myself with the proposed plans for the station but I would be keen to know what the proposed design and operation will have on both a light and noise pollution for local residents. What is the plan for lighting? Will there be public announcements? Where could I find this detail?

Please note - there are many more impacted properties that would contest this bridge but many suspect that this project will never secure the final funding, in light of the uncertainty around any future spending due to the current Corona crisis, we believe a clear communication should be sent to all local residents again giving a clear update on funding and give them a further opportunity to offer their views. Whilst I appreciate this may not be a standard requirement, these are not normal times and all processes should be adapted.

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge my objection and pose the above questions.

Kind regards
Simon Twist