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Subject: Objection to underpass Ashington Train Line
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Dear Sir / Madam

I am putting in writing my objection to the proposal for an underpass at the side of my property, 1 Darnley Road. I am strongly against this due to how close this will be next to our property which is privately owned. Not only will this devalue it but also cause an increase in anti-social behaviour which is on the increase.

There has been no direct contact made by planning to local residents and we were only made aware by seeing a notice on the lamppost. This has now disappeared! Surely residents who it will impact directly should have been made aware and not be expected to monitor social media or the internet for updates. A letter SHOULD have been posted, not only to myself whose property it will impact the most but also those residents in the surrounding area who it will also effect. I will also point out that the other entrance will be by the bungalows whereby elderly and vulnerable live. How is this going to make them feel safe? I tell you it will not.

I am not against the line however, we did not want a foot bridge due to our garden being overlooked, stones being thrown into them (like they are at the minute) and the proposal of the underpass is even worse with it being directly at the side of our house. Could the underpass not be sited at the current crossing or just past the current crossing where the garages have been demolished near the bungalows (on the left facing green lane) and not impacting people's homes, or at the top of Rutland Street whereby the initial bridge was due to be put and the current crossing closed as per the plans December. This would make more sense and not by my property.

On another note the police are already stretched and do not respond to incidents as a result of a rise in antisocial behaviour in the area. We are having a rise in drug users and feel this will also be an ideal place for them to congregate as well as teens, just like they do by Wilkinson. We have also had teenagers set fires along the lines also. Having CCTV will not stop them. Those involved in crime also use the current crossing as a through fair to escape police as they are then unable to find them.

Really the crossing should be closed to reduce this as outlined in your plans online. It does not cause anyone any harm to walk 5 minutes in either direction to cross at either the bridge or on green lane.

We have worked hard to pay for our property and do not want it vandalised or the area worsen as it has over the past year. We bought our house before the freight trains were running and already have some subsidence on our garage and feel the house vibrate when the trains go past. Four trains an hour is going to be a nightmare with vibrations and noise. No thought has gone into any of this for the residents!!!

I look forward hearing your response to my OBJECTION!!!! Feel free to actually come and speak to the residents and see how it will impact them directly. I would welcome this discussion wholeheartedly.

Kind regards,

Cheryl Gibb

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