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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE

Subject: Proposed underpass Darnley Road Ashington Northumberland

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To whom it may concern

I have received notification that Northumberland County Council have applied for planning permission to build a pedestrian underpass running off the alleyway skirting the properties of Darnley Road under the railway lines.

This particular area next to the railway lines has an ongoing problem with anti social behaviour, youths gathering, illegal motorbike racing and general dog fouling, fly tipping and drug use.

I appreciate there needs to be public access to safely cross under the rail lines to access the station but placing this underpass next to a residential area which suffers from anti social problems would in fact be contributing to the various problems being suffered by local residents instead of the opposite.

A car park which had been extended to accommodate extra traffic using the station would be a better location to provide access to the other side of the tracks which is situated away from residential areas and could be better covered by cctv etc.

Also with the proposed opening of Ashington station to passengers there will be an increase in traffic in the stew and if the station car is to charge for all day parking rail passengers with vehicles will seek to avoid these parking charges and park in the surrounding residential streets which already suffer badly from parking problems due to the narrow layout of the streets and residents parking their own vehicles at or near their homes thus the need for a residential parking permit scheme having to be brought in by the local council.

If you wish to keep me up to date with any further progress or plans on this scheme you can reply to this email or contact me at:

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Kind Regards

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