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Objection - FAO Secretary of State for transport co infrastructure planning unit

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Dear sirs,

I am contacting you today regarding a letter requesting information about my property / land from Northumberland council (reference number NOR/006/2244) regarding the plan to extend the station platform for the Northumberland passenger line project.

Looking at the boundary plans and heavy works that will be required it is going to depreciate the value of my house and potentially make the property not rentable!

Short term the noise will be unbearable been so close to the works, from past experience most work on the rail tracks is at night.

Long term the fact that the station has expended will probably put my property in negative equity and be harder to rent. At present the area is pleasant , quiet outlooking into mature trees (not fencing or station)

I strongly object to this work from my property perspective but also in line with best value for public spending .. why are we not using the existing facilities at Northumberland park instead of creating a new platform?

There is a multi story car park which is only used about 10% of capacity. The existing 2 platforms rarely have more than a dozen people on platform at one time. Most passengers on the new service will be passing through rather exiting at Northumberland park metro station as there is not many businesses here for work. A simple adjustment to timetable would allow train to pull in to existing platform. Several meters of track / signalling vrs new platform costs and disturbances to home owners!

Other considerations to factor in are environmental impact there is mature trees which screen the residents from noise and give privacy from station. There is also wildlife along the banks side such as badgers , foxes , birds of prey often. Security and Saftey during the works anti - social behaviours, noise , substantial mess and disturbances privacy respected

If the works are granted then the impacted property owners should be given the option to sell property to council plus compensation or compensation for loss for rent during works & compensation for impacting property prices. The properties can't be sold and have already dropped in price due to the plans. I believe my car park space is to be used as a material store / access so I would expect this to be rented from me or bought with property.

Please let me know your plans to compensate property owners for any financial losses and inconvenience ?

Regards John
Owner

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