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Dear Sirs,

**Northumberland Line – Watson Haulage**

May I introduce myself as James McDonald of Strutt and Parker acting as Agent on behalf of Mr Kevin Watson and Mr Paul Watson of Watson Haulage, Bedlington. Part of my Client's' premises has been included in a TWAO pertaining to the Northumberland Line scheme.

I write to submit an objection with regard to any proposed temporary or permanent occupation of My Clients' business premises. The Watsons operate a family business which has been built up over multiple decades. Their distinct premises locations operate closely and therefore disruption to one area would detrimentally affect the wider business disproportionately.

The area that we believe would be most of interest to the acquiring authority is currently run as a container storage yard with varying clientele utilising the space for temporary and more permanent storage solutions. These run with a number of ongoing Clients with repeat business forming the vast majority of the income stream. The yard is always fully occupied and there is not scope to reposition containers meaning that if disruption were forced upon them Clients would be lost. These lost clients will then be forced to find other storage accommodation and may not then be in a position to return to the Watson's yard even if your uses were simply for temporary accommodation.

Further to this, the container yard runs with close links to their Haulage business and would have severe knock on effects to a historic local business which employs a number of local individuals and compliments countless other local businesses in the area.

Therefore, on behalf of the Watson's I would like to submit formal objection to any use of their Property owing to the scheme and also at this point reserve their right to claim reasonable compensation for any loss incurred during the building of the scheme whether their property is directly affected or not.

Any correspondence should be directed to this email address ([james.mcdonald@struttandparker.com](mailto:james.mcdonald@struttandparker.com)) or by post to myself at - Strutt & Parker, 1-3 Oldgate, Morpeth, NE61 1PY.

Yours Sincerely  
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