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Project : WestConnex – Underwood Road

We would like to formally submit an appeal against our request to have our property compulsory purchased due to the effects of the work to be carried out during the building of the WestConnex project.

The recent release of the finalised work plans surrounding our property on 84 Underwood road have highlighted that the years of the construction works will have a significant impact on our daily lives and our property as described below:

The work around Underwood road will be carried out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including public holidays for the duration of the project which is estimated to take between 2.5 to 3 years to completion..

The ventilation exhaust stack will be constructed in very close proximity to our property (i.e. in front of our property). This will be a large and imposing structure in front of our property.

Our property is relatively new (i.e. approximately 11 years old) and the release of the work plans has already negatively impacted on the value of our property. This will be further affected during the works and also after the work is completed as no definitive plans for the area have been released and hence the future is unknown and uncertain. To date any potential buyers have been put off as soon as the construction plans , the building of the exhaust and tunnelling work are mentioned.

The properties next to and in front of our property have been compulsory purchased in order to be used as major construction sites for the duration of the project. This puts our property at the forefront (i.e. next to and in very close proximity) of the construction work and the significant daily trucks / heavy vehicle movements. Our property will be in effect the most affected one on Underwood road during the years of construction.

During construction a section of Underwood Road next to our property will be used as a haulage route to access the Underwood road civil and tunnel site. The vehicle movements are apparently required to remove spoil during shaft construction and tunnelling activities. This will also result in additional noise and dust (day and night) and significantly impact our lives. We have children with Asthma, Eczema and Allergies and the dust and pollution generated by the construction work and the spoil removal heavy truck movements will also impact on our health.

Underwood road is already a heavily used route by residents, commuters and other heavy haulage building works trucks. The addition of the number of heavy truck movements by the WestConnex construction 24 hours a day 7 days a week, will considerably increase the level of traffic movement on this road additional to the new traffic due to the construction work.

A new set of traffic signal on Underwood Road is proposed in this section to allow trucks and heavy vehicles to turn into the site. This set of traffic lights will be next to the entry of our property. This will greatly increase the standing traffic outside our property and also result in vehicle noise and traffic pollution.

According to the WestConnex study, it is expected that these traffic lights will cause delays along Underwood road. This will add further traffic to the already busy road even without considering the traffic brought about by the WestConnex works heavy haulage trucks. The additional heavy truck traffic, combined with the existing heavy traffic and the proximity of the new set of traffic lights will result in standing traffic outside our property with increased vehicle noise and pollution.

The estimated daily vehicle numbers accessing the Underwood Road Civil construction site per day are provided in the EIS. It indicates that up to 80 heavy goods vehicles and 30 light vehicles would access the site per day via Underwood Road for the next 2.5 to 3 years.

The majority of vehicle movements would happen during the day between the hours of 7.00am to 6.00pm. A number of vehicles accessing the site during the evening (6.00pm to 10.00pm). During night periods

(10.00pm to 7.00am) is estimated to be minimum of 2 heavy vehicles per hour. This means that there will be constant heavy truck noise affecting us 24 hours a day.

Parking on Underwood Road would be suspended to allow for the new traffic signal and turning into and out of the site during construction. This means that there will be nowhere for the residents to park the cars that are currently parked on the street.

The bus stops located on Underwood Road beneath the M4 bridge would be relocated north in the vicinity of Short Street for the duration of works at this construction site estimated to be approximately 2.5 to 3 years..

The existing pedestrian footpaths on Underwood Road would be closed during construction and temporary ones would be erected with regular changes of locations causing difficulties to local residents and pedestrians.

During the construction, all trees around the building sites which currently also aid with the keeping the motorway noise down will be removed. This will not only increased the noise level but also completely change the visual aspects of the street. The trees are one of the more pleasing aspects of the streets.

On completion of the building works, the ventilation shaft structure will be a significant imposing structure in very close proximity to our property (i.e. in front of our property).

There is uncertainty of how the surrounding land will be used on completion of the works and how this will affect us and our property.

Considering the above points and that the construction period will be for a number of years, it will have severe impact on our daily lives , our health including increased levels of stress.

We are already currently experiencing significant anxiety, stress and uncertainty to our lives and will only worsen when the construction starts.

It is totally unfare that our family and our lives should be put in this difficult and unreasonable position through no fault of ours.

Considering the mentioned points for the years of construction, and the uncertainty after the completion of the construction, we our property must be reconsidered for compulsory purchase.

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