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Subject: ETTT PROPOSAL- Application SSI 5132

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We object to this EPPING to THORNLEIGH THIRD TRACK PROPOSAL and consider that the EIS is inadequate and does not address key issues with regard to this proposal. Specifically, it fails to address the impact of the new massive structure at Cheltenham Station on the residents and does not take into consideration the Beecroft Cheltenham Heritage Conservation area.

The proposal does not address the light (particularly at night) and visual impact of the station, the relative height impact on our property and the increase in noise pollution and night disturbance of increase in freight train numbers throughout the night.

The new commuter trains are barely audible so it is evident the technology to reduce squealing wheels is available. I query why there is no onus on the owners of the diesel engines and rolling stock to upgrade and reduce the SIGNIFICANT noise of the multiple engines coupled together to pull trains sometimes over a kilometre in length, running day and night. Given the cost of this proposal, surely the private rail operators have to take responsibility to reduce the noise and pollution of their engines and the squealing wheels of the rolling stock.

Has there been any measurement of noise of these trains and why has there been no consideration to reduce noise impact in the proposal for surrounding residents?

Why also does the Cheltenham Station proposal include a bus bay and taxi rank, when no bus routes run to or from the existing station unless there is track work and there has been no need demonstrated for a taxi rank?

There is also no commercial or retail at Cheltenham so why the massive infrastructure at Cheltenham, when there is NO upgrade planned to Beecroft station which is the local retail centre? The local residents have been asking for lift access at Beecroft station as it is a retail and commuter hub, yet there are NO plans for this in this proposal. There does not seem to be any logic to this current proposal.

Why is such a huge station complex being imposed on a quiet suburban station when the Beecroft Station serving our retail area is being denied the lift access that has been requested and Cheltenham Station, (which currently has good level disabled access) shows 3 lifts in the proposal.

There is no upgrade to landscape and vegetation, not a good fit of infrastructure to local requirements. There is also no mention of replacement of park facilities for the children at Beecroft. The existing children's park beside the station is a popular and busy park.

We live directly opposite the station and we have had no direct contact or any assurances as to how the building will be managed and what if any compensations will be put in place to minimize the impact on our lives.

Do not approve this project as is, it is clearly inadequate and does not represent a good understanding of the environs and needs of the affected communities.

Given our proximity to this project, can you please advise the height of the new proposed station relative to our property and how you plan to address the significant light pollution of the structure on our home and surrounding homes.

I would appreciate my concerns are addressed and given your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad