

**PROOF OF EVIDENCE
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We have owned the above mentioned property since it was built some five years ago; we have not lived in the property as yet, and it has been rented out since purchasing; we do however intend to move to this address in July of this year. We now have serious concerns about the air pollution being experienced in the area and the noise levels of the freight locomotives which are stabled adjacent to our property.

Before purchasing the property we investigated the noise levels and considered the air pollution levels by visiting the property on several occasions to satisfy ourselves that these issues were not going to be a problem. We were not deterred from buying our property, as we already live quite close to a railway line and are fully aware of the noise of trains passing nearby a residential area. As far as we could tell there would not be any problem with air pollution in our new house as we witnessed several trains entering and leaving the station.

The property has been vacant since December of last year and we are in the process of decorating both inside and out .

On the 16th, 17th and 18th of December whilst painting the outside of the house, I witnessed a diesel engine parked the other side of the fence, our house is the nearest to the railway sidings. The engine was started and left to run for several hours without moving.

There was a very loud noise emitting from the engine which in turn meant that I could not conduct any telephone calls as I could not hear properly. I am a self employed Garden Centre owner and it is imperative that I am able to continue with my day to day business whilst offsite.

Secondly, there was a continuous cloud of diesel fumes that passed across the back of our house. Unfortunately on those days I had to abandon my decorating, as I felt physically sick from the fumes and had to remove myself from the area as quickly as possible.

I am now extremely concerned that my health will be affected when I move to this property. I already suffer with Bronchitis, usually twice a year, and believe the long term effect of inhaling such polluted air will have a devastating effect on my health overall.

We are also disappointed that when we purchased this property adequate consideration does not appear to have been given to the effect of noise and fume pollution from diesel locomotives on residential properties in the vicinity of the Ipswich Fuel Point and sidings

Our concern now is that, if the Application is approved, the anticipated increase in freight traffic and freight locomotives using the Ipswich Fuel Point and sidings, will have an adverse effect on our health by making worse what is already an unacceptable situation.

**Alan and Patsy Smith
4th February 2007**