

Proof of Evidence- Teresa Richardson

My Name is Teresa Richardson I have lived with my husband and 2 children at 11 Gippeswyk Road since May 2001.

The noise level from the Freight trains has increased significantly over this time. To a point where at times we can no longer have conversations in our garden, and at night it disturbs our sleep patterns.

On occasions we are also disturbed by the horns from the trains being used during unsocial hours, i.e. before 6.00am.

We have also noticed an increase with regard to the fumes. At times the engines will idle for significant periods of time. This can be at the end of our garden or at the depot. We also walk our dog through Gippeswyk Park daily and at times it is impossible to use the path that runs parallel to the railway line because of the concentration of fumes. On occasion my daughter Emily had to hold her breath whilst walking through the park.

Not only is the noise an issue but at times we are also unable to sit in our garden due to fumes which are suffocating, and cause us to go indoors.

I am genuinely concerned about the health and environmental issues that can be attributed to the above issues.

We are concerned that if the line is duelled this will exacerbate the situation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Richardson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Teresa Richardson