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Evidence

Questions about you: In order for the evidence to be analysed and taken forward by the Inquiry we will need some further information about you and / or your organisation. Please note that all evidence submitted to the Inquiry may be published at any point during the Inquiry or when the Inquiry Report is issued. If you are responding as an organisation your full details will be published. If you are responding as an individual your name will be published, but your address will only be published if the Inquiry considers this to be relevant to the evidence submitted.

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Are you responding as an organisation or an individual?

Individual

Does your evidence relate to a particular period of time?

Yes

If yes, what period?:

2010-14

Does your evidence relate to a particular event or activity?

No

If yes, please explain what the event / activity was.:

We are particularly interested in:• How you found out about what was happening, and how informed you were throughout the project• What did you think would happen• What actually happened• What were the effects if any, on you (or your organisation) at the time of the project• What if any, were the on-going or longer-term effects on you (or your organisation). Please write your evidence here.

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As residents of [REDACTED] a group 4 in block houses. We were invited to a meeting to see plans. These did not take into account peoples varying different abilities to ' read ' such plans, and there was no effort to address this by the Officials attending. There should have been a 3 Dimentional model to truly let people see what this would look like and in scale. No one told us how high this would be running at the bottom of our gardens. Most of us believed for a long long time it would not be follwing the railway line and therefore would not be high. We believed it would be low and would not be visible, when in fact it is the exact opposite, and we have no privacy at all from these monstrous trams when we are in our gardens. No - one consulted us in Jan 2010 when they ripped the trees out exposing the embankment and rail-line. Then as soon as they had done this work came to a complete stop for more than a year. The scar on once beautiful treelined embankment was horrendous exposing us and the local wildlife to no cover from the trains/elements. When work did start the noise levels day and night was horrendous. Notice was given but again where did they expect us to go ?.The building of both bridges at either end of our street(across [REDACTED] and across the Water of Leith) were particular bad and this work went on all week-end when most of us wanted to relax after hard working week in stressful jobs. The amount of lorry's and trucks usinf the road outside our homes increased the noise and dirt and we believe led to cracks in pavements and roads that were never repaired. I have a Heart Condition (having survived a sudden Cardiac Arrest in my 40's) and found the noise and the lack of communication particularly difficult to deal with, but it was my elderly neighbours I really felt it for as at least I could escape the noise and traffic increase whilst at work. Communication throughout this period was shambolic ,whether written or in plans. There was not one point of contact available to us , nor 24 hour 7 day support available to us. When work did start again 2nd time around communication remained very very poor.

Do you have any documents which you think it would be useful for the Inquiry to see?

Yes

Details of documents:

E- mails from Council officials and Community Council minutes.

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Yes