

To whom it may concern,

As a long time resident of Heathfield I would like to draw attention to the noise levels experienced by householders living alongside the rail tracks, especially during the night and early hours when the majority of the trains pass through.

The freight trains need to be moved – the safety regulation for sound is 35DB at night and 45DB during the day. We are experiencing over 110 DB, which is just ridiculous.

There are now I believe approximately 90 trains a week (with that set to triple in the next decade). When we moved into this house 16 years ago there were approximately 23 a week. The line was originally built for passenger trains, certainly not freight trains and certainly not this amount.

I totally support your efforts in re routing this line, as something must be done for us residents to combat this noise.

Unhappy homeowner at Heathfield.

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**Sheridan Priestley**