



Full Council – 21 September 2022

Conservative Group Motion

Kingsbury Curve

Residents living either side of the Jubilee line between Kingsbury and Wembley Park have to put up with the excruciating noises when the trains go past on what is known as the Kingsbury Curve. On Fridays and Saturdays, it goes on through the night.

The noise is so bad that it can be heard in people's homes even with all the windows shut! It often exceeds the maximum sound levels recommended by the World Health Organisation.

The track has been there for around 90 years, yet it is only in the past 4 years that these noises have started which coincided with the removal of trees and shrubs from the bank together with replacing the sleepers with concrete ones and relaying the track.

TFL are aware of the problems and have tried to resolve the problem, albeit unsuccessfully.

Those affected are suffering from mental health issues & sleep deprivation. They can't sell their houses and move away because of the noise. They can't use their gardens in the summer or leave their windows open. Their children can't study because the noise is a serious distraction.

This Council is asked to recognise:

The legal duty it is under to take such action to enforce those who create excessive noise, whether that be by loud parties, music, cars revving their engines, or even night time deliveries, duties which this Council does its best to carry out.

It's duty to protect its residents from this intrusive and excruciating noise.

This Council therefore resolves:

To utterly condemn TFL for allowing these noises to go unresolved for nearly 5 years.

To request that TFL rectify the faults forthwith to stop this noise. This could and possibly should include relaying of tracks to the way they previously were.

To request that TFL close down the network over the winter holiday period to fully address the problem and that the New Year becomes a period where residents can enjoy noise free solution from that point onward.

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