



Full Council – 21 September 2022

Amendment submitted by the Labour Group to the Conservative Group Motion

Proposed amendment – To add the wording underlined and delete the wording indicated

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. Following the return of Night Tube services on the Jubilee line, a speed restriction has been applied during Night Tube services.~~

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 World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that noise exposure levels should not exceed 70 dB over a 24-hour period, and 85 dB over a 1-hour period to avoid hearing impairment. Residents have suggested that this section of the track regularly exceeds these levels.~~

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.~~ work continues to find the right solution but it is anticipated that it will be a long-term piece of work. TfL have conducted trials over the summer period and are reviewing whether a small reduction in speed could be applied to all trains in this section of the track without adversely impacting the service we provide to passengers. However, speed restrictions are implemented sparingly given the impact on timetables across the entire Jubilee line.

~~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.~~

We appreciate that residents have raised multiple concerns about the impact of the noise on their wellbeing and their quiet enjoyment of their home. They cannot fully enjoy their gardens in the summer or leave their windows open and children struggle to 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 condemns 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.~~

To request that TfL work with residents and Brent Council to address the noise concern with a robust engineering-led procedure to prioritise works as quickly as possible.

To request that TfL provide residents with a named contact, with ready access to experts that are working to tackle the root cause of noise. This involves visits to residents' homes to measure noise levels both before and after any work is undertaken.

To request that TfL explore measures to mitigate the impact of the noise over the Christmas holidays.

To lobby the Secretary of State for Transport for additional capital investment to upgrade and improve the infrastructure that helps keep London on the move such as the track on the Kingsbury curve.