

Residential Impact – resident of Wymott Village

Hyperacusis

My child has Hyperacusis.

Hyperacusis is an increased sound sensitivity with low tolerance for environmental noise. Put simply, what others may class as 'ordinary' noise, often which they can ignore, hyperacusis actually causes fear, (fight or flight), pain, and also an inability to relax as my child can not ignore said noise. Thus leaving my child in a state of fight or flight.

My child hears noises that others do not and these bombard her.

The noise of construction traffic will cause my child to suffer quite significantly.

The recent example of fireworks as a distraction technique absolutely terrified my child and caused her pain. Imagine legitimately feeling like you are in a war zone and how that would affect you.

If the 3rd prison is given the go ahead it will, for my child be like my child is stood in the middle of the construction site without ear protection, whilst feeling terrified and in pain.

And a 3rd prison will increase the level of environmental noise at least twice fold.

Especially in relation to traffic noise. There us also an increase the potential for more noisy distraction techniques to try and cover up illegal drone use. Thank you for reading.

Residential Impact – Trudi Bond

I moved to Wymott Village in November 1996 as I had to get away from a relationship that was abusive in every way possible. Living in a quiet area is the only way I can save my sanity as I was diagnosed with PTSD from the abusive relationship and any loud noises can trigger this off. I am writing this in the hope I can explain how a 3rd prison would impact me and my family.

Whilst living here, there have been occasions, thankfully not many, where I have been verbally abused by visitors of Wymott and Garth. I have video evidence from January 2022 of a man urinating in public in front of me when I asked him not to. When I asked him why he was in this location he was verbally abusive towards me and I felt threatened by him. I didn't report it to the police as I am unable to flee due to my disability and was frightened that, should he come back, he could easily harm me. I felt extremely vulnerable.

It's unusual, but not unheard of, that visitors park near the estate. It's normally when their sat nav's have sent them the wrong way or in this instance he was wasting time before his visit, residents should not be subjected with abusive visitors killing time before visiting prisoners.

I would feel unsafe and unable to enjoy exercising my dog, my mobility prevents me from going too far.

The recent commercial fireworks being let off so that drones can be flown into the 2 prisons have caused me stress.

I was also in a car with my friend the other week when a car leaving the prison turning onto Moss Lane hit the car I was in and didn't stop. This happened at 3.30pm when visiting has finished. Should this 3rd prison be built, the risk is going to be increase and much nearer to the estate where children play.

As someone with very limited mobility who needs walking aids to venture away from my property. I am worried that staff and visitors will park on the estate where I live and I will be unable to use my rollator safely on the footpath due to cars parking there as my house is near the front of the estate. This may also restrict me from being able to get my rollator off the paths if vehicles park on dropped curbs and footpaths.

The location of Wymott Village helps my mental health in many ways. I had a breakdown in 2017 which resulted in me banging my head on a kitchen cupboard door and gave me severe concussion and I ended up in hospital. I don't have as many episodes as I did before I moved because it is much quieter. Constant noise, loud bangs and unexpected noise (like the recent fireworks) can set me off for days. I am extremely concerned about noise and the potential impact it will have on me. I know I am already anxious about the appeal as I have a stress induced stammer and it has returned recently, in addition to my other coping method, self harm. It's the open countryside and being able to use my rollator in a quiet location that allows me to calm down. If staff and visitors are making lots of noise it will affect me massively and this is what makes my stress levels increase, which in turn, raises my vital signs and as I have a heart condition and a very fast heart rate, this is not good for my health and well being.

If the prison gets built at the end of my street, it's inevitable that staff and visitors will park on the estate, I will not be able to cope with this as my mental health will suffer from being closed in by the cars and noise, but also my physical health with regards to being able to walk on a footpath safely and not have to weave around parked cars. For my mental health and others on our estate I am pleading with you to refuse the application. I am unable to move away from the area and if the prison does get built, I too, will be a prisoner in my own home.

Local Resident – Dunkirk Lane

“Does nobody care about the Green Belt anymore! When I was a young mother, I would walk from Dunkirk Lane to Croston with the children in their pram, along Ulnes Walton Lane. I wouldn't dream of doing that now - it would be suicidal. A few months ago my car broke down on Ulnes Walton Lane - it was terrifying, with the speed of the traffic going past and nowhere safe to hide.”

Residential Impact – Allison and Andrew Chippendale

REROUTING OF PUMP HOUSE LANE/3RD PRISON PROPOSALS

REASONS AGAINST

On leaving the rear of our property we can turn right and immediately be in the countryside and walk to Croston without engaging with any traffic whatsoever. We are instantly in open space and

the resulting quietness is very calming which has untold benefits to our mental health and has proved invaluable over lockdown when we were prevented from travelling outside our area. Being in this rural area was the main reason we chose to live in Ulnes Walton – it's quiet, scenic, unobtrusive (even with the current 2 prisons) and a wildlife haven.

We are very anxious about the proposals and feel that losing the satisfying feeling of openness and freedom that comes with open space is being snatched away from us. I feel that everyday I walk from the rear of my property to do a circular walk is going to be my last chance to do this because it will be ruined – the peace and the lie of the land will be changed forever and cannot be replaced.

The proposed plans currently show the start of pump house lane being rerouted around the back of the area marked for workshops thus completely changing the nature of the area we walk – giving anyone walking the route the feeling of being in an industrial area rather than in the countryside. The security fencing required to contain the workshops will be overbearing.

Our property at the current time is not overlooked, when we open our bedroom curtains we can look out to the countryside beyond thus giving a feeling of wellbeing and positivity - this will be totally obstructed by the immense height of the proposed buildings – again giving the feeling of being hemmed in. The design of the entrance hub has not been finalised and there is a possibility of us being overlooked.

The MoJ have tried to mitigate by assuring residents that planting and shielding will take place – all well and good but until it grows and becomes established which will take approx 20 years and we are approaching 60s now, we will not get the benefit of the tree planting so for the next 20 years we will be looking at colossal buildings blotting our landscape.

The new reception building on the footprint of the old club house will also be a busy hive of activity with prison staff, prisoners and visitors – again taking away the peace and tranquillity of how the area is at the present time.

Greenbelt should mean “green” with no special circumstances whether you own the land or not.

Residential Impact – Windy Harbour

We moved to Windy Harbour in February 2018. There are 3 generations living in the property. The main reason for purchasing the property was due to the senior member of the family having deteriorating health and the advice from his consultant was to move from our previous urban location to a rural area to increase quality of life. This has had the desired effect and albeit his health continues to deteriorate, it is not at the same rate. Emissions from the proposed car park entrance being directly opposite our house are a huge concern for us all. One of the health issues he has, is COPD, this requires daily use of a nebuliser and visits from The British Lung Foundation nurses when needed. The increase in volume of traffic plus breaking and accelerating, will negatively impact the air quality and therefore have a direct impact on the quality of life for him and us.

In addition to his ailments, we also have a member of the family who suffers from Asthma, they sleep in the bedroom closest to the proposed entrance. They are also known to suffer from sleep deprivation and have been previously medicated for this. The increase of vehicles and the associated noise will severely impact them and could lead to psychological issues if sleep deprivation is sustained. Sleep deprivation is also known to cause high blood pressure, diabetes, heart attack,

heart failure or stroke. Sleeping with windows open would not be possible and therefore would cause additional harm.