My name is Olga Redman and I have lived in Gloucester for 35 years.

In recent years when the Stratford mine closed down, I have seen employment decline hugely in this town. It used to be a wealthy little town and it is not any more. It breaks my heart to see it turning into a retirement village.

Gloucester needs employment opportunities and I believe the people who own the mine are willing to work with the community to increase economic opportunities and to provide employment.

I have read the EIS and it seems to cover everything. It seems to me that all of the potential risks have been carefully considered and there seems to be plans in place to make sure there are no real risks.

If the experts have done all the work, and the EIS is correct, the mine should be approved to help our town grow and prosper.

Please don't turn our town into a retirement village.

Olga Redman