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West Midlands Interchange
Four Ashes Limited
FREEPOST WMI

Dear Sirs

West Midland Interchange – Four Ashes

Further to the Council's meeting of 14th September Councillors agreed to object to the above proposed development for the following reasons:

- The proposed site is situated in the Protected Green Belt and no special circumstances have been shown to outweigh the harm which would be caused by allowing such a development to be permitted.
- The Developers have not shown that an adequate investigation of alternative Sites has been carried out.
- The location of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange is not included in the South Staffordshire Council's Site Allocation Document [SAD], which has now been submitted for Government approval.

In addition Councillors have studied the consultation documents and wish to make further observations:

Ecology and Wildlife

The full effects the proposed development would have on the ecology and wildlife have not been shown to be acceptable.

Air Quality, Pollution and Noise

The full effects the proposed development would have on the air quality and pollution have not been shown to be acceptable.

Landscape, Visual Impact and Local Communities

The full effects and harm that the proposed development would have on the area is totally unacceptable.

Transport Network

The full effects of these proposals have not been shown to be acceptable on the existing road and rail infrastructure.

Employment

The information given is purely speculative.

Penkridge Parish has less than 2% unemployment rate. Employees would be entering from outside the Parish which would add an additional strain to the Transport Network.

Consultation

The local Community indicated that this was inadequate and flawed. Consultants failed to give answers to questions posed.

The Parish Council considers that this location is totally inappropriate for such a major development.

Yours faithfully

Lesley Griffiths
Parish Administrator

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South Staffordshire Council