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Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached the Parish Council's letter confirming attendance at the Preliminary Meeting on 27th February and Specific Hearing on Thursday 28th February together with their additional representations.

Additional Councillors who will also be in attendance, but will not wish to give an Oral Presentation, are as follows:

Wednesday 27th February - Cllrs John Eastwood, Mrs Isabel Ford, Victor Kelly, Andrew Lenz, Tony Minshall and David Oldfield [Oral Presentation by Cllr Calvert Stonehouse]

Thursday 28th February - Cllrs John Eastwood, Mrs Isabel Ford, Victor Kelly, Andrew Lenz, Tony Minshall, David Oldfield, Calvert Stonehouse and Alan Smallwood

Could I please ask that you acknowledge safe receipt of this email and attachments.

Kind Regards

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15th February 2019

The Planning Inspectorate
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Ref TR050005

Attn: Mr Paul Singleton

Dear Mr Singleton

Application by Four Ashes Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the West Midlands Interchange

Preliminary Meeting – Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 10.00 am and Open Floor Meeting at 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Issue Specific Hearing – Thursday 28th February 2019 Hearing Dealing with the Draft Development Order

Penkrige Parish Council write to confirm that a Representative will be in attendance at the above two Hearings dates. The Parish Council would request that their representative, Councillor Calvert Stonehouse, make a short Oral Presentation at the Open Floor Meeting on the 27th February at 2.00 pm.

Additional representations the Council wish to make in addition to their previous comments are:

1. Penkrige Parish Council would like to make a representation at the Preliminary Meeting regarding Item 2 on the Agenda - Procedure of the Examination Process.

Penkrige Parish Council have concerns regarding the impartiality of the process in the examination of proposals and evidence provided by the Developer in seeking this DCO. In particular 'who checks the checker?', can the Community be satisfied that a fair audit and robust challenge to this application is led by an Independent Authority to satisfy the Government Policy and benefits (or harm) to the Community.

2. Statement of Community Consultation.

During the first Consultation in 2016 Penkrudge was not included. The Council consider this as most unforgiveable as the majority of the proposed site is within the Parish which is also split by three major traffic routes the A449, A5 and M6. The main issues which would arise from the development eg Highways, traffic, pollution etc would effect the residents of the Parish and all the surrounding areas.

Penkrudge village was included in the second Consultation but the Developer chose to omit the surrounding areas on the map for the consultations.

The proposed development has far reaching impacts on even more local communities included in the consultation for all the major issues mentioned previously and everyone with representations.

3. Penkrudge Parish Council are concerned about the visibility of the Public Access to the Consultation Documents at the Penkrudge Library. They appear to be tucked away due to lack of space and therefore not really available to inspect by members of the public.

Whilst the Preliminary Meeting will outline the timetable for further representations and deadlines the Parish Council may have additional comments on various issues if/when they are raised by the Community.

Please find below a summary of comments previously submitted by the Parish Council which we leave for your examination:

- o 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.
- o The Developers have not shown that an adequate investigation of alternative Sites has been carried out.
- o 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.

Penkrige 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 sincerely

Lesley Hough
Parish Administrator

ORAL PRESENTATION

I am Parish Councillor Calvert Stonehouse

I represent Penkridge Parish Council.

The Parish Council have previously submitted a written representation dated 29th September 2017 and recently copied and accepted on the 9th January 2019.

Today's representations have been submitted separately.

The Parish Council wish to confirm, but not repeat, our representations not in a detailed way but to emphasise and reiterate how much impact this proposed development will have on our Community and all those who live in the area. The issues listed in your Annex B sum up most of the concerns of the Community and there is no need to repeat those issues.

The Parish Council have not employed any special consultants to provide evidence for our representations but we rely on South Staffordshire Council, who will provide the details and evidence of the Council's concerns regarding the issues, together with the experts representing the Collective of Parish Councils in the area, to whom we have given full support. The evidence to be used in the representation **against** the granting of a Consent to this Development Order.

The Parish Council also hopes the Planning Inspectorate will judge the values of the arguments and evidence of the Developers in the application of the proposals, with those arguments **against**, before a decision is made whether to give consent or not to this Application.

It is the Parish Council's opinion that this WMI proposal is inappropriate for this location and will be harmful to the Community for all the reasons stated in our submission.

