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Sir I would like to voice my concerns on the proposed West Midlands Interchange on behalf of my constituents and myself.

There is no need to place this large development within the green belt at this location.

Currently there is an option of allowing Pentalver at Cannock to have railway sidings, in a brown field site. This operation currently collects freight from dock areas and transports it by road to Cannock for distribution to the area. If this was utilised, the resultant reduction in vehicle movements will be able to be measured, and with the current empty warehousing within Staffordshire, be transported to these for distribution from this site. Not concentrating warehousing to any single site, but being distributed around the area will help reduce the traffic congestion that a centralised rail hub will cause. This also reduces security issues in a specific area. The Pentalver topography allows for development without causing further harm.

Placing the site where proposed will reduce the quality of life for anyone within 10 mile radius with the extra fumes from vehicles and the clogging of traffic routes.

I am very concerned that traffic infrastructure will not be put in place before the potential development of warehousing for a foreseeable future. The rail hub does not have a date to implement this rail hub and the island onto the A5 is even further away. In fact no potential user of the site has to sign up to use the rail and this is extremely concerning.

The location of this site will encourage outside workers not within Staffordshire as many will be minimum wage, and the provision of skilled better paid jobs does not appear to be a high likelihood in this type of development. This will only increase already overburdened traffic routes and not support the people or area within Staffordshire.

Finally this site is green belt and would be a great loss to Staffordshire. With current government targets for housing and current planned developments, I54, Mill Green, ROF Featherstone all being close to this area, I would encourage you to take this into account when making your recommendations and ask you to reject this application as it currently stands, look into the possibility of utilising the Pentalver site and listen to the concerns of my constituents and not allow this inappropriate loss of green belt and reduce the quality of life of many many residents.

Kind regards

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