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Dear Mr Singleton,

**Written Submission for deadline 5th April 2019.**

From a personal perspective and as a local resident living directly on the A5 between Gailey and Weston, I am very much against this development. I would like to request that as part of your site visits that you drive from Gailey to Pickmere Island towards Telford to witness how unsuitable some of the surrounding roads are. There are very few turning points or diversion routes along here.

We have many residential properties, some are period properties, very close to the road making them vulnerable. As lorries pass our properties now we experience vibration.

The road through Stretton and particularly Weston is very narrow and from feedback gathered from residents who live along that detrunked stretch of the A5, walking in Weston village is not safe because of the vacuum experienced when the HGV's drive through and often at speed. When the M54 or M6 are closed for night time roadworks or other incidents, traffic is diverted along this stretch and it would be interesting to know how far the compensation for noise will be extended by the applicant because the constant drone of lorries throughout the night is intolerable, leading to seriously impaired sleep.

Below is a quote from one of the local residents:

"With being a resident of Weston under Lizard by Weston Park, drivers of all vehicles are no longer respecting the 40mph speed limit especially at night. You can hear the lorries and motorbikes especially speeding up at night waking my [REDACTED]. Our main concern is the speed and volume of larger sized lorries. You can easily tell if a lorry is speeding due to the noise, wind speed off the vehicle and the shudder of the lorry passing the house. My husband would like to mention the particular time that lorries are likely to speed is at 3am when my husband leaves work on a local diary farm, on many occasions when he has left the house to walk to the car, he has been blown into the fence when walking along the footpath and all when he gets on to the A5 driving at below 40mph he is over taken by lorries on a solid double white line. Also during the night the sound of lorries and vehicles have woken all 3 of us in the household, despite all windows with internal glazing being closed."

This is just a flavour of the general consensus of all of us residents who live here. We have many residents with long term conditions that make them susceptible to poor air quality and many elderly residents

who also drive. Pulling out of our properties onto this fast road is a daily risk without the increased number of HGV's from the development that will inevitably be generated.

Below is a quote from the debate from 1973 in respect of the M54.

"1973 Debate on M54

"I want to speak briefly about two particular sections of the A5. Ivetsey Bank and Weston-under-Lizard are both accident hazards. But perhaps the most crying need of all is for the village of Weston-under-Lizard. This charming and delightful rural spot is an obvious candidate for a bypass, and for some 50 years a by-pass has been on the cards and pressed for by local people. Surely the time has come when their pleas and prayers should be answered. Every walk taken in that village is almost a walk with death. The peace of the area and the nerves of its people are shattered. Will my hon. Friend give a little hope that these people will be able to live in an atmosphere of tranquillity, calm and safety?"

We already know that lorries/haulage companies use this route as a rat run as it is the shortest, most cost effective route for them to take from Telford to get to the M6 North therefore not using the M54 and nor will they use the newly planned M54 link to the M6 North and the volume of HGV's on this stretch of road has already increased in recent years without the addition of extra vehicles on it.

Quite frankly the road, road surface, properties and residents will not tolerate anymore HGV's on it and most certainly will not tolerate a 24 hour operation.

Please consider the entire impact that this will have on the look of our landscape, the local residents living close to the development, the health of our population, and the wider communities that this will affect.

Thank you

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