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Sir,

Following your presentation, I would like to put forward the objections to this scheme on behalf of myself and my wife. We live in Coven and we feel that it will have a detrimental affect on our lives should it go ahead. Our main objections are as follows:

1. The scheme will introduce up to 10 trains a day, 7days a week 52 weeks a year which increases the noise and air pollution. The trains then need unloading and decanting onto lorries which then need to use the already overused roads and motorways of the region. We do not know how many carriages the trains will contain, therefore the amount of lorries is unknown, but, it will be many and constant.
2. The employees required to carry out this work, again will be many and they will be working constant shifts. They will need to be shipped in and out and this too will add to the already congested road network. The new staff, we understand to be in the region of 6,000 + will then need to be housed and their families provided for. They will require housing, schooling, health care etc..
3. Already, the area is unable to meet the current Government requirements for future housing, and our local schools are having great difficulty in offering places to children who live in the catchment areas. The area also has very limited shops and health care, with our doctors already virtually full. There is no available area where the requirements for accommodating the needs of the workforce can be provided within the surrounding land space without loosing even more green belt.
4. With the current road and motorway traffic, there would be immediate bottlenecks, as any traffic going towards the M6 motorway on a market day would bring the network to a halt. It is virtually gridlocked on market days already.
5. The roadway from the A5 Longford Island towards Four Ashes is currently used as a "rat Run" by many, and, with all the traffic that the current Four Ashes sites already generate, getting onto the A449 is already bad at peak times, so the additional proposed traffic would make the situation worse.
6. The proposed construction of this new site will also spoil the current views of the surrounding area of countryside and even with the suggested landscaping, it would be easily seen and heard from any angle at all times of day and night. We can already hear the noise of trains when the wind direction changes and the noise from the A449 can also be heard, so to compound this many time would not be acceptable.
7. We currently have areas where local flooding is happening with the rainfalls that impact onto the River Penk. In Coven we have had flooding of the roads and fields and with the suggested development, the possibility of extra flood risk becomes even greater.

I trust that these comments can be taken into consideration when the proposal receives consideration.

Thank you,
John and Wendy Robb

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