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My name is James Powell and I'm directly affected by the proposed Scheme as we have been informed that FAL require the land that my family home and business sit on. I am also one of five family members who have have a financial interest in the above.

My Grandfather started the family business after he was demobbed and generations of family members and locals have worked there ever since. My Father, myself and my Nethew have all worked there from leaving school in the knowledge if you work hard and wait your tern, one day you will be the boss.

Now our futures are under threat and it looks like there is nothing we can do about it as it is out of local planning hands. FAL are saying accept our deal or face losing out with a basic CPO. As i understand it the cost of setting up our type of business a fresh with all the new regulations and planning would be far greater than what we would get from FAL's offer or a CPO which is unfair. I'm next in line to take over when my father is due to retire, which is now on hold until the outcome of this application and that could take years.

With my age and health conditions I don't believe i would get the same position in another place so my future is under threat.

All my life I have walked all round the lands of Gailey enjoying its natural beauty and enjoyed the freedom to explore as kids safely with friends and pets. No dangers with fresh unpolluted air and even now with limited mobility i watch my dog run freely.

People who moved here including myself believed we were protected in the safety of knowing we had green belt land all round us. Where are we going to go to enjoy the countryside that we were able to by just stepping out of our front doors. Will we be forced to get in our cars to find some countryside when we paid a premium to live in it already.

This Hub is so large it will swallow Gailey just leaving a handful of private home owners to suffer as they are surrounded by a large commercial site.

Traffic volume is already a big problem in the week with regular hold ups and if there is an issue on the M6, which is daily, Gailey comes to a stop.

The Hub will bring thousands more vehicles here every day, how are the roads going to cope then. What about the extra Pollution and noise.

At the top of Croft Lane is the Round House ( The Whistling Kettle ) a well known land mark. How would it be protected from the impact of all these extra HGV's passing 24 hours a day.

The waterways have made big improvements to the local canals and they make very scenic walks and is so beautiful in the different seasons, but who is going to want to walk there when its all very tall warehousing as far as the eye can see.

With large amounts of HGV's spending time at the hub and Tachograph regulations, drivers breaks etc, there can be many reasons for delays causing a back up of vehicles. Has this been properly accounted for by way of long term parking.

Without proper places with facilities for drivers and others using the hub there is a likelihood of littering and fowling including human waste of the area.

Which i have seen first hand local to a large Amazon storage facility of which there has been many complaints.

All the above factors and more not mentioned by myself lead to ask the question is this the best location for an SRI.

I believe there are better suited sites if an SRI is absolutely necessary for example the old power plant in Rugeley has a large amount of brown fill land with rail and road links. It's mainly commercial bordering the site and its about half the proposed size so would need to take up far less green belt land.

I believe its all smoke and mirrors to convince you Gailey is the best option but it really boils down the landowner and major investor in this project who owns the greenbelt land wanting make large sums of money by disguising the project as an SRI to remove local planning rules so that he can build large warehouses which is far more profitable than farming rents can provide.

This land is not only greenbelt it has a big purpose as farm land used to grow crops, which is the food we eat.

There is a real danger of losing our food growing capability's, soon we will be reliant on other countries for our food Suplies and all England will be is warehousing and distribution for the rest of the world.

Regards,

James Powell