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Dear Mr Singleton,

My name is Anthony Powell and although I didn't introduce myself or speak at the time, I attended both hearings on the 27th and 28th as well as other members of my family. As this letter contains personal information i would ask you to not make it public until it is deemed important to do so.

Myself and four family members have been approached by the WMI / FAL as they want the land that the family home and business resides on. I have had meetings with Peter Frost and other members of his team and have stated to them from the onset i have no wish to close or move the family business, but if they did get consent the only option would be for them to relocate the business to a suitable local site. I feel I'm being threatened with losing through compulsory purchase and they keep mentioning Extinguishment as they feel it is too much work to relocate this type of business. I don't think this is fair as a lot of time and hard work including lives have gone into building this business to generate an income to support the future of this family.

My Mother and Father moved into [REDACTED] around 1958/1959 after being demobbed from serving his country in WW2.

About 1952 my father William Powell with help from his farther and father in law built what was to become the family business.

In 1958 at the age of fifteen I joined and have been there ever since. Over the years the business has grown and moved on with the times etc. There has been ample opportunities for expansion of the business and be better financially but that would have meant moving from Croft Lane which was not an option.

When my son left school he joined the family business and also my grandson when he left school. Non family employees are local to the area.

As it is our family home as well as our living we have been brought up to respect the local community and the beautiful countryside around us, spending many hours walking alone, with pets and friends, bringing back good memories of family and friends now long gone. All of which will be destroyed and replaced with noise, pollution and road congestion.

The business is supplying and delivering Propane and Butane gas cylinders to local businesses and communities.

The family home and business has always been a safe and secure place for the

family and a guarantee for future generations.

Now that future is under threat and I'm told i cant do anything about it as it is going through the Planning Inspectorate to override local planning, which would never allow this project at this location on so much greenbelt land. It is the general local consensus that this project is called an RSI as a front to be able to get consent to build mass warehousing on greenbelt land. With this in mind i would urge you to put in permanent clauses restricting it to businesses who can prove they can and will use the railway infrastructure and for this to be independently regulated. I am also concerned that with us leaving the EU is there need for more RSI's as we will need to do more production rather than warehousing. The land is currently agricultural and produces food which will be more needed than storage. Once concrete is laid that land will never go back to agriculture.

I have already noticed increases in the volumes of traffic around Gailey especially at the two islands, M6 junction 12 and the A5/A449 Island which now create large queues daily and there is already a large retail park in construction in Cannock less than 5 miles away that will certainly add to the congestion. These roads were never built with these volumes in mind. Our customers are already complaining about the time they are held up in traffic trying to access the premises and threatening to go elsewhere more convenient.

I recently had reason due to road closures to travel through an RSI at Birmingham and it was dual carriageway with islands in between giving access to the RSI at which i found the left lane was being obstructed by HGV's waiting to access the RSI, so that lane had been turned into an unofficial car park meaning something must have gone wrong with there plans for sufficient vehicle parking / unloading.

On the 06/03/2019 i had another meeting with WMI / FAL to be told they have no replacement site to offer and two years further on they want me to find a site myself and to take there deal or face substantial loss with CPO if they get approval. Over the last two years all available local land has been purchased putting me at a huge disadvantage looking this late in the scheme of things.

With this in mind would it be prudent for me to ask for a meeting with regard to CPO.

Kind regards,

Anthony Powell.

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