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To: [West Midlands Interchange](#)
Subject: TR050005 objection FAO Mr Paul Singleton
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TR050005

Dear Mr Singleton

I am writing to you to voice my strong opposition to the proposed west midlands interchange. I know that you have recently visited the area and I am encouraged to hear that you visited the proposed site. I was disappointed not to be able to attend the recent open meeting but as it was being held in Wolverhampton on a day that I work I was unable to attend. I feel the developers selection of location was unhelpful for many local people who could not attend.

I support the use of rail solutions in order to reduce traffic on our roads - however the location of this proposed development is unsuitable when there are other brown field sites as an alternative. I implore you to protect this green belt site and reject this application.

The area proposed for the development is in a green belt area which the government recently described as sacrosanct. How is it then that a development so large could even be considered? This area is made up of a number of small villages and is surrounded by farmland. Yes the M6 is nearby but just a few miles away you are still in highly rural areas with real community spirit, village schools and country lanes. Wildlife can thrive and the air quality is good. These areas must be preserved for the good of our country and for future generations. So much of our beautiful countryside is being compromised. There are better more appropriate brownfield sites for a development such as this. The need for which has not been factually evidenced. If this goes ahead there would be a terrible impact on local ecology, cultural and historical sites.

Local traffic on main roads is already at maximum levels. I live near to the A5 and regularly struggle in traffic jams. With even the slightest accident, (but sadly on this road many have been fatal) roadworks or local event the road is gridlocked. This development would bring huge numbers of additional vehicles which would cause additional difficulty for local residents and businesses. Air quality would also be negatively impacted. Increased traffic would have negative health impacts for local inhabitants and wildlife. The M6 is well known for its traffic jams – trying to get home / to work via the m6 is already extremely difficult in peak times – adding to traffic with the increased lorries coming to the proposed rail hub seems nonsensical.

The developer has talked about bringing jobs to the local economy but unemployment in the surrounding areas is very low – in the region of 1% so in reality staff would also have to travel – causing further increase in traffic levels.

It's clear to me that this development is wrong – I hope that you can see the truth of the situation and act accordingly. If this goes ahead this rural area made up of small villages will become a major conurbation for no real significant benefit that I can see. The only positive gain will be to the pockets of those who have proposed the development.

Many people have told me that this development is a 'done deal' that the 'fat cats' and 'boys clubs' have already decided that this is going to happen – we see road developments and

signage popping up to indicate that this is true – a new hotel – new pavements and lighting leading to the site.

I have to have faith in a democratic and fact based decision making planning process and hence I am writing to you. I sincerely hope that these naysayers are wrong and that people's opinions and the facts of the matter still actually count for something. Please don't let us lose something so unique which would be a loss to so many – while the development will only benefit an elite few.

With hope

Yours sincerely

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