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To: [West Midlands Interchange](#)
Subject: West Midlands Freight Interchange Ref TR050005
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Dear Sirs,
Ref:TR050005

I am opposed to the proposed "West Midlands" Freight Terminal planning application.

With the majority of imports arriving from the far east and Europe via the southern ports I see no logic in building the "West Midlands" Freight Terminal to the north of the region in order to supply Birmingham. The spare capacity of existing freight terminals in the region and the closure of others clearly indicates a lack of demand. I also wish to draw your attention to a planning application for a rail freight terminal in Tunstall, Stoke on Trent, application reference SOTCC 62057/FUL. This application is primarily for an rail freight interchange as part of an aggregate recycling plant, but will also be available to other commercial users.

Furthermore, I suspect that if planning permission, for this huge industrial complex, is granted this area of South Staffordshire, will in time be absorbed into the West Midlands conurbation, as planning consent would set a dangerous precedent.

There is absolutely no support locally for the development.

The siting of the distribution warehouses near to the busiest section of motorway in the country will exacerbate problems on the M6. The development will place a heavy burden on local roads with the additional HGVs required to service the warehouses. Also, the low local unemployment rate will require workers to travel from outside the area. Local roads frequently become gridlocked, already, when Motorway accidents occur. Additionally, the increased traffic will contribute to an unacceptable increase in pollution and noise.

Furthermore, I also object to the use of green belt land, with the loss of approximately 643 acres of agricultural land and countryside for a distribution warehousing development, particularly when a brown field site would be far more preferable. I also regret the impact such a development would have on local flora and fauna and woodland. The entire character of the entire area will be ruined by this development

I therefore urge you to reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours faithfully,

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