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Dear Mr. Singleton,

I am writing in response to the plans proposed by Four Ashes Limited in which I oppose this Rail Freight Hub.

Firstly, I would like to express concern over the impact on health of local residents, present and future, caused by the poor air quality produced by the initial 6,319 extra HGV's every day. An increase on the already high levels of congestion by 150,000 tons per day, an inconceivable amount.

Although the road infrastructure surrounding our untouched greenbelt may seem ideal for connections, the roads are already dangerously busy with frequent, life threatening accidents even now very apparent with also constant congestion through Penkridge, a village that would appear idyllic, unable to cope with the forever growing mass of transport. This would only get worse. Another 18,624 vehicles through Penkridge per day- that's an extra 16.3 tons of CO₂ emissions. Imagine our community being split by 1 HGV, 1 van and 1 car per 14 seconds in or out the WMI. You can't.

For the past three years, our campaign has been central to our lives and has even been a part of some research I have conducted in my a-level geography lessons which I believe shows the large-scale effect of this proposal, both physically and emotionally. The numbers put forward in terms of the enormosity of these plans are incomprehensible in comparison to the homely, community spirit that is so apparent in this rural area. Over 643 acres of Staffs greenbelt; greenbelt that's been retained to prevent urban sprawl, greenbelt that's been retained to protect wildlife and their natural habitats in a forever developing society, greenbelt that protects our areas history, is to be destroyed!

It is important to encourage agricultural development, so our country isn't reliant on importing resources, increasing pollution and adding to the serious problem of climate change which being from a younger generation, I believe is a future problem we need to all work together to resolve now- before the impacts are irreversible.

These are a few reasons to why I oppose this monstrous development.
So please, help us save it!

Grace Appleby

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