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Dear mr Singleton,

With reference to my original brief submission last year concerning the WMI application. It is transparently clear that the enjoyment of our leisure time spent in the open air and the ability to walk in the countryside is paramount for our mental and physical health and well-being. To lose our precious landscape would have a profound effect on us all.

The role of our fields, woods and hedgerows is fundamental to our wellbeing; they are nature's most precious air filters, protecting us from toxic pollutants in the atmosphere and storing harmful carbons. The area provides so much, for so many people.

Staffordshire, a beautiful place to live, where tourism, leisure and sporting facilities should be allowed to thrive.

I have four children and two grandchildren, all enjoy the open space available around our home. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Gailey canoe club and paddled in many completions. Club meetings are 3 times a week where many children and adults enjoy peaceful training along the canal.

A shooting club meet and hold shoots in Calfheath wood, many of the participants would take no or very little exercise without the shooting club.

Walking, cycling, horse riding, sailing, running fishing, paddling clubs all exist within the boundary's of the site.

Our tourism, leisure and sporting facilities are just as strategic, if not more so, and are nationally important to health and well-being.

I understand the importance of shifting freight from road to rail but surely not at the cost of the loss of so many important sporting, leisure and tourist facilities that the area provides, these alone should be enough to deter any development of the area. In a world of increasing obesity and health problems we simply have to protect and enhance what is available here and definitely not concrete it over.

It simply doesn't make sense to destroy what is considered to be of great importance, to replace it with with a SRFI when there are far better locations.

Kind regards

Debbie.

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