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To: [West Midlands Interchange](#)
Subject: West Midlands Interchange objection
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Dear Sirs,

Further to my objections listed when I registered as an interested party I wish to elaborate on these issues. The site of the proposed development is in green belt. Not only is this protected to stop urban sprawl it is also a valuable asset for people who live in urban areas. The health benefits of trees, fresh air and countryside are well known not only for physical health but also mental health.

The impact of WMI on local roads would be devastating. The A5 and A449 are queued most days at peak commuting times. This is made much worse whenever there is an accident on a major road in the area, the roads being gridlocked for hours at a time. There is also the notorious M6 motorway that will be the main route in and out of the site, renowned for its accidents and queues at any time of day. Add in the huge volume of traffic that WMI is expected to generate and you can imagine the nightmare scenario it would produce. This is not the right location for the development. There are already traffic problems, please do not make a bad situation even worse.

The developers claim that traffic arriving at and leaving the site will follow a particular route to minimise, their word not mine, the traffic disruption. However on a recent news report local residents in Coventry have an issue with traffic arriving at and leaving a new Argos warehouse. This traffic was also supposed to be using particular routes, however they don't. The developers of that site came up with a solution. Local residents take the Reg No and the vehicle companies will be fined. As this shows developers say anything to obtain planning permission then leave local residents to pick up the pieces. Please do not leave the local residents in Four Ashes, Gailey, Hatherton, Penkridge etc etc to pick up the pieces from this ill thought out project.

The proposed site is situated in South Staffordshire not West Midlands as the name suggests. South Staffordshire has low unemployment, surely a project of this size generating the level of employment the developers claim should be situated in an area where jobs are needed such as Stoke on Trent. Not in an area where employees would have to travel considerable distances adding further to the traffic congestion problems. It is suggested that businesses interested in moving to this development would simply be relocating from other areas. These companies would already have employees, would these employees move with the work or would they lose their jobs in order to fulfil the developers claims that thousands of new jobs would be created.

As a local resident I am concerned for future generations living in this area, the health impacts due to the loss of countryside, air pollution from traffic, noise pollution from the operation of the site and light pollution from the 24 hour use of the facility. There are brown field sites that are far better suited for the development, please think of the impact on our future generations when considering this planning applications.

Thank you for considering my objections and I hope I have made you aware of the devastating impact WMI would have on our community.

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