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Dear Mr Singleton

I wish to register my profound objection to the plans submitted by 'Four Ashes Limited' for the Rail Freight Hub on Greenbelt in rural Staffordshire.

Having spent considerable time researching the plans and reviewing comments and concerns raised, both for and against the development, I am aware that there are positive environmental issues linked to the development. Clearly the increase of transportation of goods by rail is a necessity. But the negative impact on the community surrounding the development will be huge. Only this week the negative health impact of traffic pollution has been highlighted, with links to asthma related deaths.

Over 700 hectares of Greenbelt land is at risk, land that HM Government states should be treated as sacrosanct to help filter air from already heavily developed industrial areas, motorways, etc. Over half of this land is used for farming, an important traditional British industry. Once Greenbelt has gone, it's gone forever. And I fear that further surrounding land will then be developed, once the precedent is set.

Of major concern is that the plan will not link all of the development to the rail network, and there will be a considerable delay before any of it is linked. I understand that there will be no public station at the site so everyone working there will have to travel in by road. The extra cars plus the huge number of lorries travelling in and out will lead to an area that is already congested during 'rush hour' bring grid-locked for much of the day, with idling vehicles pumping out toxic fumes.

I know that there are major financial benefits for the developers (one of whom is the landowner) and have no objection to people making a lot of money. But at what cost to the local community and to rural Staffordshire?

I implore you to save this beautiful pocket of Greenbelt and reject the planning proposal.

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Purchase

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