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Dear Mr Singleton

Many thanks for your in-depth approach and assessment to this proposed development. Further to my initial summarised response, I would like now to further explain some of my objections and reasoning in believing that this is not the correct location for this development.

We understand the Government directive to increase Rail Freight transport hubs and the potential environmental benefits this may bring. However, surely in gaining these benefits by building on 'Green Belt' is a contradiction of what is trying to be achieved.

The Location of this development also introduces significant health/safety and actual danger to road users within the vicinity. The current proposal for road access to the development is at best significantly under designed to achieve Safe Access & Egress to the facility for the volume and quantity of articulated vehicles that would serve the facility. The Impact to Junction 12 of the M6 has not been duly considered in the increase entry and exiting of these Lorries and the potential for serious motorway and road traffic accidents resulting in potential loss of life has not been risk assessed effectively.

I am constantly amazed when travelling through our country of the vast quantity of current road hub warehousing facilities that is both empty and significantly under utilised, and how this necessitates further developments especially on green belt land.

In addition, the current rapid advances in battery powered road vehicles should also be considered with regard to environmentally efficient freight transportation, which would not entail double handling and movement from road to warehouse and warehouse to rail.

My single biggest overriding concern with this proposal is the Health, Safety & Wellbeing of other road users and the inevitable increase in RTA's that will result on both the adjacent Motorway network and the two adjoining Major 'A' Roads.

Many thanks again for your professional approach to this proposal

Your sincerely

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