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Dear Mr. Singleton

I was unable to attend the hearing in Wolverhampton as I am not very mobile due to [REDACTED], but would like to express my concern about the proposed development I am 89 years old and have lived at Gailey for nearly 33 years. My house is near the junction of the A5 and A449, and is close to the road (not having much frontage). I am therefore very aware of the volume of traffic, at all times of the day and night, as I am pretty much house bound now.

When I moved here in 1986, there was a lot of traffic, especially at Bank Holidays and if there were shows at various locations around the area, as Gailey is at the crossroads of North to South, and East to West. In 1987 an application by Mr Monkton to develop the same site was refused because the Highways Agency considered that the roads were not adequate to take any increased traffic. The roads now are exactly the same as then, and the traffic has gradually increased over the years, even though there was no development. The railway bridge on the A5 was reinforced in 2002, to take the larger and longer lorries. It has been since then that it has got much worse, and there is much more vibration and noise from these large lorries, causing the house to shake and pictures on the wall to move. When lorries go over any uneven road it is like thunder in my house, although I have double glazing I cannot open my windows because of noise and pollution. Morning "rush hour" now starts at about 6.30am until 10.00am. Evening "rush hour" starts at about 3.00pm until about 6.30pm It is busy all the rest of the time. It is already difficult for cars to drive out of drives and the 2 side roads. at any time of day. If there are any incidents or roadworks on the M6, or anywhere else within a radius of about 5 miles, traffic comes to a standstill, which can last all day or night. This happens frequently, and means I do not get much sleep. Neighbour's applications for access onto the A5 were refused by the Highways Agency also. I hope you can understand why I am concerned about the extra traffic which would be generated if this development is allowed.

It has recently been stated that tourism in Staffordshire has increased (I think it was by 32%). If this is so, this development would affect access for visitors to the area. There are also a number of outdoor leisure activities in this area, which, as well as catering for adults, give training to able and disabled children, and provides an area for residents of Wolverhampton to access the countryside without having too far to travel. I feel that this development is wholly unsuitable for this area, but my main concern is the inadequacy of the road network. There is a suitable site I believe, in Stoke, where I have heard this week that another firm has gone out of business, so there will be more unemployed people who would appreciate job vacancies in their area.

I am grateful that you have taken the time to have a walk around the area, and I feel you will take residents views and knowledge into account. Thank you

Yours faithfully
Joyce Wilson