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14th March 2019

Re: WMI Ref TR5005

Dear Mr Singleton,

Having made comments at the stage 2 consultation I would like to reiterate my views on the proposed West Midland Strategic Rail Freight Interchange.

There are many aspect of this proposal which make it unsuitable and undesirable for the area, but the impact on our communities would be unbearable, on one part due to the excess volume of traffic envisaged.

Already Lawn Lane in Coven suffers from extra traffic including HGV's, due to the development of the I54, and this lane is used as a short cut to avoid the already congested A449. This lane is, as it suggests, like many in this area a lane, not a major road and is not suitable for such volume. This is just one example of many which will take the brunt of this extra traffic, leading to potential accidents and disruption in our villages. The elaborate plans to improve and construct new junctions and lanes, will not stop human nature taking over and people using these country lanes, to the villages detriment.

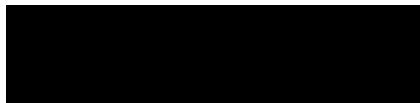
The pollution created by these vehicles would be damaging to the environment and the health of residents, which has been highlighted in other cases across the country with regard to children and poor health, and this development would be impact on the children in our area, which again is of great concern.

One other major factor to me opposing the plan is the Blatant Destruction of 700 acres of Greenbelt land, which will include the felling of some 2000 trees. This goes against Government policy on this matter, which expresses the importance of Green Belt. This area is also a vibrant leisure facility with walkers, cyclists and horses using the country lanes and canal towpath and the local sailing club, so their safety and comfort must be considered, and the inclusion of "Community Parks" will do nothing to alleviate this.

To conclude, this project is not wanted in the area, and is badly placed within the current road system.

Listening to you at the meetings and on recordings, I feel and hope that you will give this very important matter your fair and considered opinion when considering our views.

Yours sincerely

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Mary Jones