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Dear Mr Singleton

Thank you for your undertaking of site visits and hearings last week, they were very thorough and interesting.

As you know I attended the CA hearing with my brother, James Powell, on behalf of our family regarding Croft House and MMS Gas.

We have been having meetings with the applicant for 2 years now without any significant progress until you published the agenda for the CA hearing with our names as interested parties to attend the hearing. Amazingly the very next day an offer was put forward, as you stated there is nothing like a deadline to focus the mind. Perhaps I am very cynical in thinking they only jumped because you had focused on our situation.

We do not have any paperwork yet for an agreement, I appreciate my father is out of the country [REDACTED] but the applicant appears to delay at every opportunity. Also, the applicant is not taking the opportunity to use any of the sites found by my brother, instead they want to find their own which may not be in such a suitable position. There are limited places available locally and these could be taken up by other businesses. It is important for the gas business to remain as close as possible to where it is currently situated to retain the customer base and employees.

During meetings with the applicant they gave assurances to find another site for the gas business but kept saying no alternative site could be found, yet when my brother decided to look he found 3 alternative sites within 2 miles of the existing site. Also the applicant indicated several times that an alternative site would be easier to find if and when the DCO had been granted. This is a worry to me as the applicant is thinking that once this area is developed then further development or 'infill' will be easier. Our small villages will be wiped out and all become one industrialised area.

At the CA hearing another family came to speak to me, they were too worried to speak out at the hearing. They are elderly and feeling completely helpless and upset at the thought of losing their home. I care greatly for my community, I personally know a lot of residents as I have lived here all my life and I find it so very upsetting for people to feel bullied and coerced and made to feel they have no choice but to comply as they are lead to believe this development will go ahead. They are unable to sleep worrying about what will happen. I have advised them to write in to you for deadline 4

Hopefully you and your team were able to note the traffic problems on the A5 around Cannock and the proposed development area after the hearing on Thursday.