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To: [West Midlands Interchange](#)
Subject: Re: West Midland Interchange objection
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Dear Mr Singleton,

I feel I must comment on the huge scale of devastation to our greenbelt that this development will cause.

Only yesterday our Prime Minister declared that and I quote “ now is the time to go further and faster to safeguard the environment for our children. This country led the world in innovation during the industrial revolution, and now we must lead the world to a cleaner, greener form of growth”

If this development is allowed to go ahead a great number of vintage trees will be felled, these trees contribute vastly to the cleaning up of the atmosphere. Planting new trees will take years to have the same effect as they will take years to grow to the extent of the mature trees who take in water, sunlight and CO2 and convert it to Oxygen through photosynthesis.

This development will also add over 18,000 vehicles a day to an already heavily congested area, only this week the two neighbouring motorways (M6 & M54) have experienced collisions and other problems which caused huge tailbacks both on the A5 and A449. Both these roads are access points to the development. This is not an unusual occurrence and with this amount of extra traffic added to the equation then the governments pledge to help the environment will not work.

With alternative brown field sites available such as Stoke on Trent who also need the jobs as they have a very high unemployment rate, this just strengthens the reasoning that Four Ashes is not proven as a special case for destroying the greenbelt. South Staffordshire has less than 2% unemployment and despite the name of the development being West Midlands Interchange it is actually within South Staffordshire not West Midlands.

Please take into consideration that generations of local families have lived in this area and help contribute to keeping the greenbelt and surrounding villages in a pristine condition for the health and welfare of the future generations. If allowed this development will destroy many communities.

Thank you for your time.

Yours,

Mrs Lisa Griffiths