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Dear Mr Singleton,

I am writing to you in order to make clear my concerns about the local public transport that will be serving the proposed development of the West Midlands Interchange.

To quote from Hearing 5 on Wednesday 10th July.

The planning inspector stated that 'it was his belief that it was accepted by South Staffordshire that there is a strong travel to work area connection between Wolverhampton in particular'.

This comment was confirmed by Ian Culley from Wolverhampton Authority.

Sir, I would like to refute this as a resident of Coven who commuted into Wolverhampton for 20 years. The experience of this commute was often the most stressful part of my working day. I feel that you are being misled as to the actual provision for workers.

At the moment there are NO buses and NO trains direct from the nearest town of Cannock.

Also at the moment from Wolverhampton or Stafford there is a bus service every hour to the A449 access only. This service does not run from Stafford early enough to allow a worker to start a 6:00 shift and the service ends at 18:17 by Gailey Island so there are NO services returning to Stafford for an evening shift return. (As timetabled 17th July)

From Wolverhampton it is possible to reach Gailey Island by 05:59 but the return service ends at 19:12 so a return to Wolverhampton from a late shift is impossible. At the weekends the hours are curtailed even further in both directions. (As timetabled 17th July)

Further, employees who attempt to use this service will be required to purchase two different passes to use this service as the West Midlands pass coverage ends at the M54 roundabout. The so called strong links do not cross the boundaries with regard to transport provision and costs.

Unfortunately these limited services are infrequently used as the easiest option to move between the Black Country and South Staffordshire is to use a car which considerably increases queued traffic on the road network in this area.

I hope you will take my points into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stephen Bradshaw

Coven resident