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Mr Singleton,

Below is my personal response to the West Midlands Interchange. I am 29 now; I have been fighting this since I was 26; I've read the plans and asked lots of questions and I still feel the same.

Yours with great faith and hope,

Chloe Burns...

Dear Four Ashes Limited (and anyone else who is intent on destroying rural south Staffordshire),

Today is my twenty seventh birthday. All I can think about is what the next twenty seven years will be like if your plans get the go ahead. I don't know how old you are but I'm sure you must have more life experience than me? Can you explain to me in detail, how this plan is going to be beneficial to everyone's lives in the U.K? Or is it just another way for the rich to get richer? Do you have children or grandchildren? What do you think of the air quality where they live? Would you want them to play around the warehouses that you are going to build? I know you probably think I am just an uneducated 'nimby' and the truth is - yes I do live very close to where you plan to build. But it's not just my back door step that I care about - I've lived in Nottingham, Sheffield, Wolverhampton. Stoke on Trent. I can move again you see but what happens when all the nice places in England are covered in warehouses? What do I say to my grandad who is 90 and has lived in this area all his life? Should the elderly have to just sit and watch because they don't have the energy or strength to keep fighting for their beloved countryside? Why does the wildlife have to keep relocating to accommodate us humans? Surely they have as much right to this planet as us? I know you have a big team and lots of money and access to legal teams that are going to be very expensive for us and you can probably get things done at the click of a finger but you are still a person like the rest of us. Do you like being in picturesque places or do you like the look of smog and steel containers? Do you like to reminisce with elderly family members about their childhoods and how things were different? Have you ever suffered a mental health problem or grief and found the birdsong or rain soothing? Have you ever had a migraine because of the sound of a pneumatic drill or the stench of car fumes? What's your favourite animal and do you hope it doesn't become extinct? Are you scared about the future? Do you think the world is becoming too greedy and power hungry? Is this the legacy we want to leave our children? So many questions I feel scared. Scared about what the future will be like for my children and their children and that the answers to these questions often lie in the hands of people who don't seem to think carefully about the true cost of these plans and are too busy making money to look at the true beauty of the world as it is - untouched and unspoilt (not so much now I guess). I also feel guilty, guilty that I've brought a child into it. I feel it's my job to protect her and speak up for all those who are too tired or innocent to know what's going on around them.

Lastly though, I want to say thank you. At 27 you have made me re evaluate my life. Why do I buy mass produced goods and eat food when I don't know where it's come from? Do I really need to take that car journey? Should I buy that gift off the internet or could I make something myself? I am thinking much more carefully about my life choices and how they might affect those around me. I plead with mankind to do the same. Will all this consumerism really be worth it?

Yours faithfully,

Chloe Burns

Sent from my iPhone