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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: TR050005 WMH
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Dear Inspector,

TR050005 - West Midlands Interchange

Interested Party 2001535

I write to further reiterate my strong objections to the West Midlands Rail Hub proposal.

1) General objections:

I live in a local village and it matters deeply to me that a project of such large scale which creates a new level of added traffic in a green belt area is being proposed. I use the adjacent roads for cycle commuting and I am concerned about a massive increase in hgv and van density and ask why I and my [REDACTED] children should be exposed to this?

(3.1.1) You will be well aware that the applicant is not committing to build the rail hub and the rail connection will not exist for at least 6 years. I would be interested to know your views on whether the inspectorate has been misled in understanding that this was a development of strategic importance when in fact it is simply a warehouse development.

If this were a useful project of lesser scale eg a wind generating farm, recycling plant etc I would not be against it. Unfortunately, this project represents a swathe of large warehouses likely being used to store goods intended for urban conurbations such as London and Birmingham. It would therefore not serve as a useful resource to locals but would blanket us in added vehicle pollution.

2) As a member of Greensforge sailing club:

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I have read the comments by the sponsored wind expert provided by the applicant.

I encourage the inspectorate to consider the simple physical and visual impact of these warehouses to our attractive Calf Heath pond. The physical impact of wind blocking is beyond doubt and sailing at our club will cease as a result of the development. The ugliness of the warehouses which will surround greater than 50% of the Calf Heath at 100 ft height is really not hard to imagine either.

Please also note that we have made reasonable requests to the applicant to offer options but none have been forthcoming.

Although small, I would say that our club is outstandingly outward looking for its size. The core of members run at least 7 or 8 open community events every year. These are introductions to sailing and not events for established sailors and I believe we are unique compared to other sailing clubs in serving our community in this way.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/New-45000-Waterfront-Secures-Sailing-At-Calf-Heath-For-Next-Generation.aspx>

In summary,

I believe the right decision is to reject the proposal. The commitment to build the rail hub is simply not evident. The warehouses are not required in South Staffs or Wolverhampton council areas. The impact to local amenities and green belt would be catastrophic and irreversible.



Yours Sincerely,

Dr David Morrice.

Sent from my iPhone