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Dear Sir

20015672 – Formal Objection.

Thank you for your recent correspondence and the information it provided.

This information has gone a long way to confirming my objection to the development is correct.

This development has been marketed as a 'Rail Hub' and it is clarified that the actual Rail Terminal may not be completed for 6 years and in my opinion may never be completed – meaning the development would be a glorified warehousing site.

This development would mean the destruction and PERMANENT loss of a substantial amount of greenbelt land. Forever lost to the local and wider communities.

The Greensforge Sailing Club will be severely affected as the development would encroach its boundaries and the tranquillity that the club and its users currently enjoy.

This absolute decimation of the area will end in the loss of flora and fauna, resulting in the resident wildlife having to try and find alternative habitat. Wildlife attempting to relocate will be in grave danger not to mention the problems caused to residents of areas that find themselves inundated with animals looking for safety and food. This has been proved to happen time and time again when Local Planning Authorities approve development for inappropriate places.

As well as the loss of the greenbelt land, there will be a phenomenal increase in vehicles particularly heavy lorries which cannot be safely accommodated on the surrounding roads. We already see gridlock on these surrounding roads through Penkridge, Calf Heath, Coven and Four Ashes when the M6 traffic is diverted due to 'incidents' or planned road works. The villages can be blocked for hours as the traffic has nowhere to go – no way out.

Studies have suggested that living in the vicinity of heavily traffic congested areas can cause major health problems. Air pollution has been associated with lung cancer, asthma and other respiratory diseases as well as heart disease and strokes. These findings appear to be corroborated by the World Health Organisation. The high probability of additional health problems will put an even greater pressure on the NHS with local GP surgeries unable to take up the additional strain.

As I have previously stated, in prior correspondence, this area is completely wrong for such a development. There are far more suitable sites within the West Midlands; sites where brown field sites can be utilised and high unemployment rates can be reduced by such a development to those areas.

Finally and most importantly, I believe this proposed development is not in accord with Local Planning Policy.

Kind regards

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