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Subject: FW: WMI Interchange Deadline 7 submission from Cllr Bob Cope Sharesill Parish Council.
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Please forward to Mr Paul Singleton.

Robert Cope

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From: Councillor Cope, Robert
Sent: 07 August 2019 23:07
To: 'wminterchange@planninginspectorate.gov.uk'
Cc: Sian Carpenter Parish Council Clerk
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FOA MR Paul Singleton

The Inspector will recall that he visited the land behind Sharesill Church and was directed to view the landscape from two specific viewpoints towards the Waste Incinerator and the recently constructed Gestamp buildings in order to assess the visual impact of the proposed WMI, however we are disappointed with the applicants response stating that at the design and assessment stage the site was visited by the applicant together with Natural England and officers from both the County and District Councils having made enquires with the District Council no officer from their organisation has visited the site with the applicant, and we also believe from the applicants statement that they have taken their observations from within the Churchyard expressing that the trees will mitigate the effect on the landscape from their proposed developments, if indeed a visit was paid to the Churchyard by the above why was a

photomontage not produced in order to evidence the exact location viewpoint.

At the enquiry I suggested that the huge massive scale development would rise above the horizon when viewed from the two mapped viewpoints and this was refuted by the applicant, I am still of this view and that the development will encroach into the countryside, affect the openness of the green belt thus urbanising the views when seen from the directed viewpoints submitted by the Parish Council and the collective.

The inspector will also recall our concern about the potential rat running by employees traveling to the proposed WMI site down our narrow country lanes which would present an hazard to Walkers, Cyclists and Horse Riders who presently enjoy the amenity of the relative safety of traveling down our narrow country lanes, in our view the existence of a travel plan and the formation of a committee will not prevent highway "INCIDENTS" occurring, there is already the evidence that a cyclist suffered a fatality while travelling towards the rear of the application site and many cycling clubs presently enjoy the amenity of travelling along Latherford Lane Shareshill to join the Straight Mile at Calf Heath for onward journey to Brewood.

We also feel the inspector needs to consider the regular "INCIDENTS"/Accidents that occur on the M6 motorway which causes log jams and congestion on the surrounding roads, the addition of the large volumes of added traffic operating to and from the WMI will only make these "INCIDENTS" more regular, leading to an unacceptable legacy for the local communities, in our view the "CONVENIENCE TO HIGHWAY USERS" needs to be given significant weight in favour of refusal when the planning balance is calculated, can we respectfully refer the inspector to the recent decision of the Minister to dismiss the appeal by Roxhill Developments relating to land at Slade Heath, Erith.

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