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ExQ3 3.1.1. THE APPLICANTS DO NOT INTEND PUTTING RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE IN FOR 6 YEARS AFTER WAREHOUSING IN GREENBELT

To whom it may concern

I'm writing to express my grave concerns about the request to delay any rail infrastructure connection for up to six years after building the warehouses and the first tenants occupation.

The idea that greenbelt land is to be used for a nationally significant infrastructure based upon the provision of a rail freight hub should only be discussed if indeed the rail hub is the first part of the build and the main reason for allowing the land to be used for any building project and not an excuse for the landowner to make money in a back handed way by selling the land on the pretext that it is of "national importance" to be used for the rail hub. Without the rail freight terminal the scheme has no national importance and no special circumstances to allow it to bypass local planning.

Allowing this project to go ahead will be disastrous to the local community causing pollution, major road traffic congestion in an already overcrowded stretch of the motorway and no requirement for warehouses on an industrial estate which already has empty properties.

If the warehouses were to be allowed to be built 6 years prior to the rail hub these businesses would set up a road based logistics network so in effect would not need to use the rail hub therefore making it non efficient and there would be no requirement for it to be built leaving greenbelt land used for a money making scheme rather than "national importance".

Please bear in mind local residents thoughts when looking at this scheme and the fact that this land is greenbelt for a reason, the definition of greenbelt land being to retain areas of largely undeveloped, wild or agricultural land surrounding urban areas with the main purpose of the green belt policy being to protect the land around larger urban centres from urban sprawl and maintain the designated area for forestry and agriculture as well as to provide habitat to wildlife.

Kind regards

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