

Personal Response – I.P. Maurice Cotton

**Final comment**

Thanks to Mr. Paul Singleton for professional and fair handling of the proceedings.

However if we believed Stafford County Council's Economic Growth director we would accept it as a done deal.

The revised video is here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLE\\_mFKNWOY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLE_mFKNWOY)

My objection to the SRFI remains unchanged and nothing has been attempted by the Applicant to engage or mitigate for this unwanted proposal.

Whereas the current Future of Freight Report, its Interim Report plus the frantic bleating by the Applicants in the call for evidence to modify things for their benefit, are the most recent Government Studies on the subject. However it is worth reviewing the Scottish equivalent which concludes if only there were a fast freight spine up through England into Scotland.

There is the slim chance that a re-purposed HS2 could provide high speed freight – maybe even double stacked and fulfil all future objectives with meaningful carbon reduction.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/90988.aspx>

Having been in a position in my childhood where my home and its surrounding fields were lost to developers I would not like to see it repeated.

One cannot build our way out of a problem. Farming and the Environment are both our resilience and our necessary future.

Thank you