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Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the recent communication you have received from the Solicitors representing the Applicant for the Rail Freight Infrastructure at Four Ashes.

I am concerned that such a communication has been allowed, when the closing date for any further comments was well past the closing date.

The application for such a strategic development circumvented normal Planning procedure, but it is my opinion that the Rail connection would never occur, which became quite obvious when the Applicant added an amendment stating that there was not enough interest and not the finance to commit to a Railhead and sought a delay of a period of six years and now it would seem from a recent communication from the Applicants Solicitors that they seek to nullify the commitment and not proceed.

It is of great concern that this may set a precedent to many more applications, just to turn hundreds of acres of Green Belt land in to huge stand alone Warehousing complexes.

With the proximity of the M6, A5 & A449 with the addition of something in the region of 7000 H,G,`s a day and the pollution which is already significantly high will become a serious health risk.

There are continuous accidents between junctions 12 & 13 resulting in gridlock with standing Traffic filtering through Penkridge many times each month.

There are there is a projection from Staffordshire District Council there is a requirement for an additional 8,000 Houses to be built around this area, but no decision as to where they will be built, but there are a large number of Houses to be Built North of Penkridge which will cause even greater Traffic congestion, increasing the Pollution level with so many Vehicles stationary Vehicles.

No one from Penkridge is against developmet, but at a manageable level, but the prospect of such a Huge Warehousing development will be more than the local Road networks or the Villages around Penkridge could cope with.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir,

I would wish to add to my earlier comments sent last week.

This development will have a devastating effect on the environment both locally and further afield. The destruction of over 2000 Trees and loss of habitat, which is also an ancient woodland, plus the Great Crested Newts, Badgers, Foxes and many more species of Wildlife .

The Government are making serious attempts to increase the number of Trees to offset the increasing pollution, yet this development, will fly in the face of this strategy by increasing the level of pollution due to the amount of H.G.V'S that will be accessing the Site, plus the Cars of the workforce .

There is also visual pollution, as can be seen from the viewpoint of Shoal Hill, where the Inspector was able to see the open countryside, with only the Velo waste management company on the skyline. The addition of those thirty meter buildings will cause serious harm to the countryside.

This began as a strategic development and as such sacrifices may occur, but now there is another twist by the applicant to abandon the Rail head and just to build Warehousing.

Where will it end, with many more developments being able to circumnavigate local planning procedures and Bulldoze many hundreds of Greenbelt.

It is very sad that you were not there at the Shoal Hill viewpoint to see for yourself what a Blot on the Landscape it would be.

There will always be developments, but local planning procedures allow them to be sustainable to both locality and environmentally.

Thank you for allowing further comments with regards to the applicants late admission.

Yours sincerely

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