

Dear Sir/Madam,

Here is my personal impact report for Vera Vincent [REDACTED]

I first moved to Blisworth in 1990. I was relocated by my employer from London. My son was about to start school and it seemed a good place to settle and so it proved. I remember the first fine moonless night that I went in my garden after moving in and I saw the magnificent Milky Way stretching across the sky, it took my breath away. Over the years we now have a few more security lights but I can still see the Milky Way from my garden on a clear night. I have watched various meteor showers over the years too. Well, living next door to a 24/7 road hub will do away with that, together with the wonderful stillness of those clear nights.

We took to life in the country. My son enjoyed his days in the various scout sections – no more camping out by the Scout hut in the magical peace either. They hiked all across those fields on a regular basis. Those walks will be lost to the next generation.

Now my son has left home and I have retired but with age come various ailments, [REDACTED] was an unwelcome surprise, but away from the city pollution, it has been fairly easy to manage. I am very apprehensive about the impact the air pollution will have on my health. I will no longer be able to relax in my garden but will I even be able to open my windows?

[REDACTED] I was gruelling but the journey was manageable. I just drove to the end of my road and turned right into Courteenhall road and returned the same way. . . I wouldn't be able to do that if the hub were there! My fear is that any slight traffic glitch on the A43 or M1 would mean that my 'other route to hospital' - through the middle of the hub - would not be viable either. How will any of us get to the hospital with the hub there? Or drive anywhere for that matter.

The view from the front of my house - now fields - will become warehouses and gantries. I attach a photo which does not compare favourably to the projected views. The current bird song will be drowned by constant industrial noise. My back garden where I sit and I enjoy growing vegetables will cease to be a pleasure and I am not sure whether the vegetables will be as wholesome with traffic fumes on them. The crime rate will inevitably rise - low crime was one of the reasons I chose to live here - and illegal immigrants emerging from cargoes will not go away with the world as it is. Our quality of life will be comprehensively destroyed.

We have a fine community in Blisworth, as evidenced by our winning best village awards and this proposal will shatter that.

I would be prepared to accept this development if the project were really in the public interest, but it has been amply demonstrated to not be a strategic hub at all and the use of this name is just a ruse by the developers to avoid local planning laws so that they can cash their profits in without a care for the long term viability of the site and I fear it will soon fall into disuse, causing us, the taxpayers, further expense to make it safe.

yours truly,

Vera Vincent

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