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Dear sirs

I wish to strongly object to this application on the following grounds:

1. Designation of the application as 'Strategic'

This application can in no way be considered as strategic.

There is already a glut of rail freight interchanges in the centre of the country:

to be strategic these would need to be located to benefit the country nationally or enable the country to benefit nationally.

In order to get the freight from docks, the use of HGV's is the only viable method of transportation to get to these rail freight interchanges which are located in a pocket in the midlands.

Rail freight interchanges should therefore only be considered strategic if they form part of a national investigation into need and then national locations considered.

Also, DIRFT, the most local interchange, is already underused in this area.

2. Protection of air quality

Air quality in this area is already reduced due to the close location of the M1 and other polluting roads.

In view of the above and locality, the detrimental effect on air quality can only be exacerbated.

Whilst plans are in place for additional planting, this does not take into account the loss of trees that will need to be removed to develop the rail freight interchange.

I have serious concern about the health of my family, in particular my daughter and grandson who both suffer already from environmental allergic reactions.

Thank you

Kind regards
Caroline Ewin

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