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Dear Sirs,

As one who was involved in the original planning enquiry over this matter, I think the answer to the claim for non-material change must be refused.

At the time this was first put forward, many local objectors thought this application was labelled strategic to gain a special form of planning treatment. These views were maintained during the enquiry when it became obvious that Network Rail did not want it to happen and a view from a rail-users group stated that, even if it did happen, the timing was bound to be considerably in the future.

The inspectors understood these views and that is why the conditions were put in that the logistics buildings were not to be constructed before the rail link was established. The suggested changes are therefore extremely material despite the non-material claim

This current attempt to overturn these very sensible conditions, that were possibly meant to stop the government planning system from being in some way abused, must be refused or at least subjected to another planning enquiry.

Two other reasons exist that suggest a new enquiry must take place.

The air quality at this junction was beyond the national limit at the time and can only have become worse with the effects of global warming. Surely the government now has a stricter view on this. As I stated in the enquiry, the inspectors were faced with a choice of refusing the application or causing health problems for the many children living in Grange Park as the prevailing south westerly wind will blow the fumes across the M1 and into that estate.

Secondly, local residents of Collingtree were given to understand that the new road layout would feature a dumbell roundabout system which would allow residents travelling south on the A45 to turn across the first roundabout to use the A45 north to access Collingtree and thereby save them from wasting petrol and time by the unnecessary crossing over the M1. The road plan as constructed to date does not allow this but could easily be altered to do so.

I have kept this short but also commend to you the much greater detail in the responses by Dame Andrea Leadsom, MP and one of the local objectors, Mr Rod Sellers.

My own view is clearly for the upholding of the current planning conditions.

Yours truly,

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