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Dear Sir,

I should like to comment on the request by the developer to remove from the conditions of the granting of planning permission the need to include the requirement to include the Rail Freight Terminal.

The whole purpose of the project when it was proposed was to develop infrastructure around the rail transport of goods and based on the current national rail service provision which would cater for the majority of the traffic. Apart from the M1 itself the road system in the area is not ideal for coping with the movement of very large vehicles, hence the conditions associated with the original decision to allow development to proceed.

The request now under consideration has been submitted by the developer simply as a way of increasing the profit for the project. If the variation is allowed to proceed then the Developer should be required to pay a penalty (at least £50million and possibly more) otherwise they will use this tactic again and again so that they can increase their profit margins.

As a local resident I am appalled that this tactic is even being considered and if it is allowed to proceed it will have a major negative impact on the environment and local enjoyment of the area.

We have already suffered major disruption and the developer wants to make it worse. The developer will make the extra profit and then leave local people with the problem.

This is the second time a developer has been involved in a variation associated with Junction 15 – the first time they got away with not constructing a relief road for the junction (presumably saving millions of pounds). They are obviously trying the same thing again.

I am therefore requesting that the developers request be refused.

Yours faithfully,

R Griffith

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