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23 September 2026

Croft Lane, Gailey, residents

Formal Objection to Application 26/00671/WMI

West Midlands Interchange Rail Freight Interchange proposed amendment

We wish to formally object to the proposed amendment to the Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order especially the proposed changes to the requirements regarding the delivery of the rail terminal

This is not a minor amendment, consent was originally given only because of the Rail Freight Interchange element and the existing restrictions should not be allowed to be relaxed. The proposed amendments effectively triple the amount of warehousing occupied and does not comply with the safeguarding put in place on the original Development Consent Order. These safeguards should not be weakened because circumstances have changed.

The local community should not have to suffer the consequences of delaying the rail freight interchange. This 'strategic development' was granted to facilitate a modal shift from road freight to rail freight. These benefits were an important part of the planning balance that allowed this very substantial development on green belt land. Local communities should not have to tolerate even more HGV movements produced by extra warehousing.

The developer should now be moving towards the rail freight interchange rather than delaying. The safeguards were put in place for a good reason.

We respectfully request the Secretary of State refuse Application 26/00671/WMI to weaken the existing rail terminal delivery requirements. The 47,000 square metre trigger and the six year long-stop should be retained.

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