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I find it abhorrent that such a large Green Belt development is allowed in very special circumstances that include a rail freight link, meaning that only this particular site is suitable, only then to see an amendment to remove the rail freight link. In other words, no vsc exist to justify the loss of Green Belt, and indeed, in all likelihood, none ever existed.

The capacity, train speeds, electrification and requirements of a rail freight link were known, or ought to have been known, at the time of the planning application. Nothing has changed since that date in terms of planning policy or material considerations which would alter the ability to deliver the rail freight link. As such, either the applicant should acknowledge that it fundamentally and unlawfully misled the decision-makers and no vsc ever existed, or else deliver the approved scheme.

The shocking revelation that the rail freight link was not deliverable was entirely foreseeable by nearby residents, by those affected by this development, by those passionate about the Green Belt preventing the urban conurbation of Wolverhampton and Birmingham cities extending into Staffordshire. And yet, it was the very reason that vsc were established for this site. The reason that this development could not be put elsewhere and only this site, despite its Green Belt location, was appropriate.

I therefore will wait with great interest the decision-makers' reasons for their decision, by comparison to those reasons originally given. Clearly an unjustified turnaround without a material change in circumstances, policy or other planning considerations will be open to challenge.

Yours

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