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West Midlands Interchange

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Dear Case Team,

I am writing to formally register my strong objection to the ongoing development and proposed operational changes at the West Midlands Interchange (WMI) site near Cannock and the Straight Mile.

As a local resident, in the area , i think it担 disgusting what I am witnessing firsthand the devastating permanent destruction of our South Staffordshire Green Belt. The sheer scale of land clearance and tree felling is fundamentally ruining our local countryside, altering the landscape, and destroying vital green buffers between our communities. I drive through Featherstone as-well all the time and iam disgusted the amount of trees you have taken down . Why have you allowed this decision ? shame on you . This Labour government is a disgrace !

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned by the developers' attempts to alter the original conditions of the Development Consent Order (DCO). This project was approved under the strict justification of being a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange to reduce motorway traffic. Allowing warehouses to open and operate before the rail infrastructure is fully functional is a complete betrayal of the local community. It will flood the Straight Mile, the A449, and the A5 with thousands of additional Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs), worsening air pollution, noise, and gridlock on roads that cannot cope.

The use of aggressive compulsory land acquisition to override local democracy and benefit private developers at the expense of our natural environment is entirely unacceptable.

I urge the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State to reject any amendments that allow the developers to bypass their original environmental and rail commitments. I request that my objections are formally logged and reviewed by the case team.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Russell

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