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Dear

Rail Freight Terminal at Radlett

I have been contacted by Nuala Webb from Save St Albans: Fight the Freight CIC who opposes the building of a rail freight terminal at the former Radlett Aerodrome site. The area is not my constituency, so I write this in a personal capacity.

When I was the logistics minister at the Department for Transport, we did look at this and I felt then that the alternative site at Sundon Chalk Quarry nearer Luton looked more favourable with less impact on local communities. That site is adjacent to the M1 and the railway, yet is further from residential areas.

Save St Albans: Fight the Freight CIC are concerned about noise and pollution at the Radlett site as the site is adjacent to residential areas. They are also worried about the impact on traffic; the area is already heavily congested as it is at the confluence of a number of major arteries.

I also share their concerns at the loss of green space.

If the county council has not already done so, I would urge the council to think again about selling the site to Segro.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

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