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Dear

Mark

Rail Freight Terminal at Radlett

I have been contacted by a constituent who opposes the building of a rail freight terminal at the former Radlett Aerodrome site. The area is not my constituency, so I write in a personal capacity.

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

My constituent and local campaigners, opposing the Radlett site are, concerned about noise and pollution as the site is adjacent to residential areas. They are also worried about the impact on traffic as 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. The terminal would be built on land that is currently used for recreation.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Mike Penning

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