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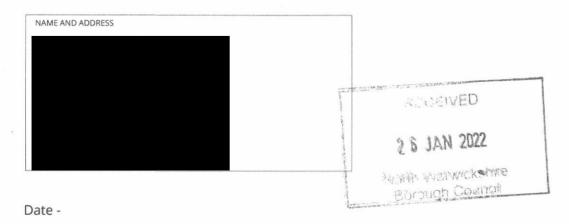
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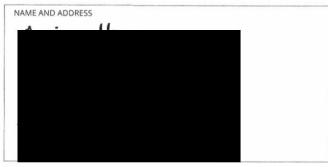
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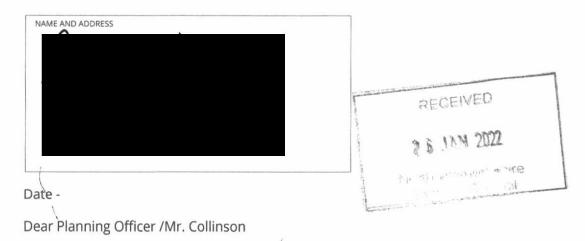
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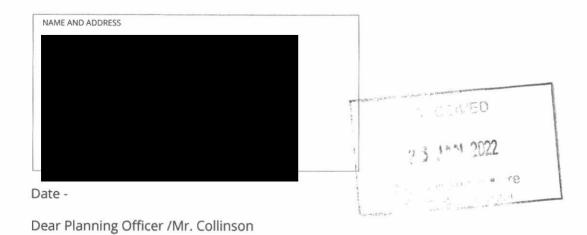
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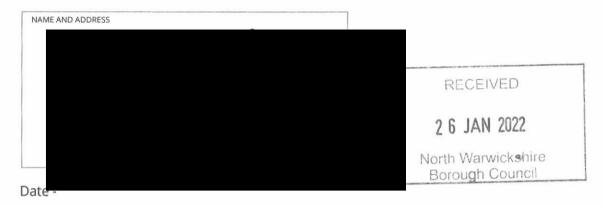
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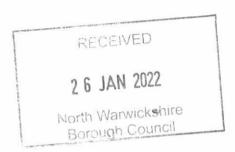
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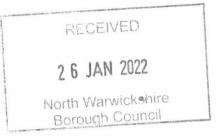
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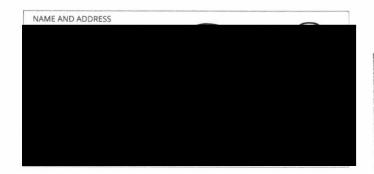
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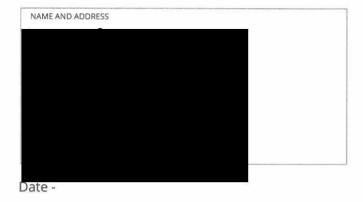
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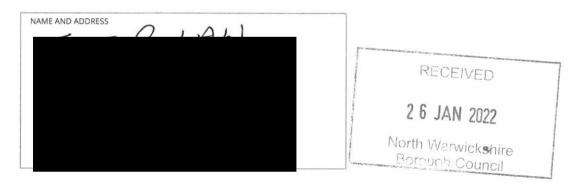
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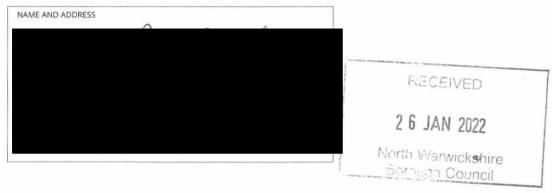
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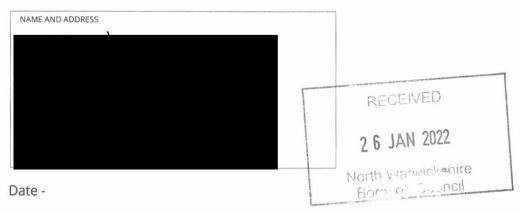
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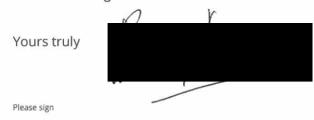
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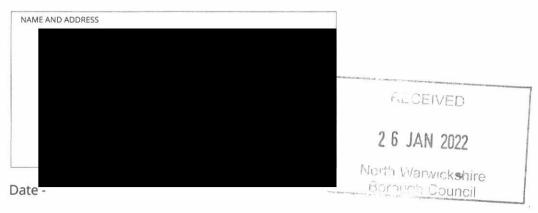
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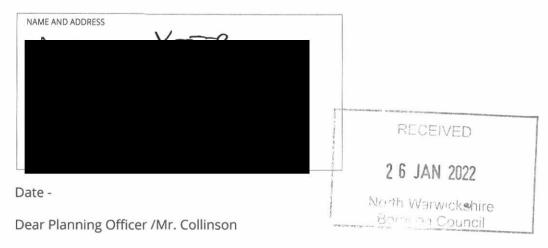
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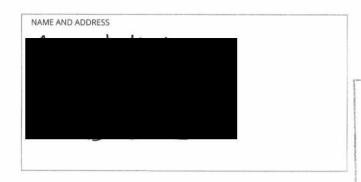
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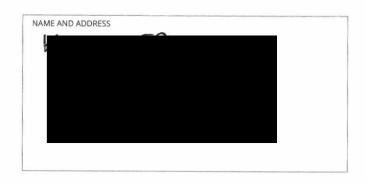
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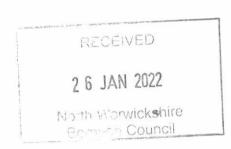
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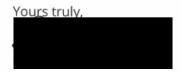
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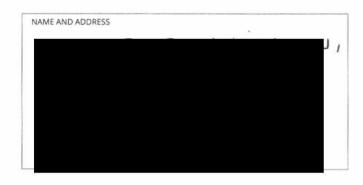
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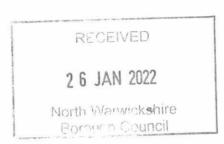
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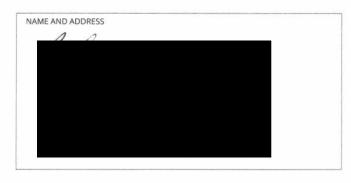
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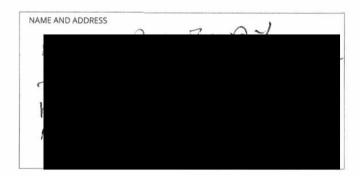
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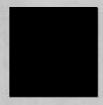
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Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

# HODGETTS ESTATE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION - STRATEGIC GAP

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We believe the development of this land for industrial use will adversely affect the sense of outlook, identity and character of Dordon as a village.

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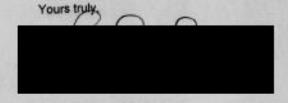
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We can see no benefits of this development for our village or for ourselves as residents.

We urge you to reject this application



From:

**Sent:** 25 January 2022 10:06

To: <u>planappconsult</u>
Cc: <u>Andrew Collinson</u>

**Subject:** Objection to planning application - Hodgetts Estate and surrounding

areas

**Attachments:** Objection to planning request for further development of Hodgetts

Estate.docx

Dear Planning Officer / Mr. Collinson

Please find attached a letter outlining my objections to planning applications being considered regarding the further development of the land around Dordon and surrounding villages (including the Hodgetts Estate and other areas) to be considered when decisions are made about whether to permit these developments to go ahead.

The proposal has the potential to cause significant detrimental consequences to the environment and the local residents and, for this reason, I would urge you to object to the planning requests in order to safeguard our villages, our landscape, our environment and our families.

Regards



25th January 2022

Dear Planning Officer /Mr. Collinson

# RE HODGETTS ESTATE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION - EMPLOYMENT, TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

I am writing to object to the planning application for more logistics warehouses and a 150-place lorry park on the north side of the A5, Dordon. The Borough Council should continue to protect this land as a 'Strategic Gap' between Dordon and Tamworth.

#### LOGISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT

Over the last 15 years, this area has taken more than its fair share of logistic sites for the region. The south side of the A5 already has a "ribbon development" of huge logistic warehouses (> 5 million square feet). We would also point out that 7 miles away, a new logistics site (Mercia Park- 10.4 million square feet) has recently opened at Junction 11, M42

#### TRAFFIC CONGESTION

As a resident I believe the number of HGV vehicles using this road is already intolerable with frequent queues, traffic congestion, noise, litter and air pollution. The incidents of traffic collisions along this stretch of the A5 is also a significant cause for concern and likely to be a manifestation of the increase traffic resulting from these developments.

We understand that, at certain peak times, there could be a 21% increase in the number of HGVs going west along the A5 from this site, as well as a 6% overall increase in *all* vehicles.

The proposal to add a fourth set of traffic lights on this stretch of A5 will simply lead to more traffic jams and worsen air quality.

#### AIR QUALITY, NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION

Before the pandemic, NO2 pollution along the A5, going west, was steadily rising. In 2019, air pollution reached unacceptable and harmful levels - yet this fact seems to have been ignored in this application.

I also object to the noise and light pollution which will be caused by a large, 24-hour lorry park. It will be too close to a residential area and I simply do not believe that buffers and landscaping are likely to be sufficient to stop this from being a nuisance and detrimental to the health and well-being of those living local.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Unlike other logistics or employment sites in the region, there does not appear to be any real commitment to establishing a "zero carbon" business on this site.

It is designed to be a stand-alone, road-based warehouse facility with no definite plans for rail connection.

Thousands of tons of CO2 will be generated each year by lorry trips; this carbon release will not be "offset" by the proposed 6.5 hectares of woodland/ hedge planting.

#### **CONCLUSION**

- there is no need for more logistics employment in or around this area
  our stretch of the A5 is already severely congested with HGVs
  air quality will permanently deteriorate and be harmful to the health of residents
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- Borough Council made a commitment to take steps to address climate change.

Yours truly



25th January 2022

Dear Planning Officer /Mr. Collinson,

#### RE HODGETTS ESTATE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION

I am writing to object to the planning application for more logistics warehouses and a 150-place lorry park on the north side of the A5, Dordon. The Borough Council should continue to protect this land as a Strategic Gap between Dordon and Tamworth.

As a resident living close and soon to be living closer to this proposed development, I do not want the Council to abandon the protection of this land as a Strategic Gap.

I do believe the development of this land for industrial use will adversely affect the sense of outlook, identity and character of Dordon as a village. The construction of three enormous business and logistic parks at Birch Coppice, Core 42 and St. Modwens along the A5 has already changed the character and identity of our village beyond recognition. If this development, along with plans to build 2700 houses to the East and North East of the village goes ahead, we will be surrounded by residential and industrial development on all sides.

All sense of living in a semi-rural area will be gone.

The proposed plans will only add to the traffic congestion we are already facing. As a resident I believe the number of HGV vehicles using this road is already intolerable with frequent queues, traffic congestion, noise, litter, and air pollution.

I understand that, at certain peak times, there could be a 21% increase in the number of HGVs going west along the A5 from this site, as well as a 6% overall increase in all vehicles.

The proposal to add a fourth set of traffic lights on this stretch of A5 will simply lead to more traffic jams and worsen air quality.

Before the pandemic, NO2 pollution along the A5 (going west) was steadily rising. In 2019 air pollution reached unacceptable and harmful levels - yet this fact seems to have been ignored in this application.

I also object to the noise and light pollution which will be caused by a large 24-hour lorry park It will be too close to a residential area and I simply do not believe that buffers and landscaping (however good) will stop this from being a nuisance.

Many local people walk across the paths through these fields. Getting out and enjoying the sense of openness, a view of the horizons and seeing local wildlife is important for our mental health and physical well-being.

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Furthermore, the so called "landscape buffer" and footpath connections proposed on the North and East of this development will not improve access to what remains of the open countryside and natural landscape and the erection of a security fence for the lorry park alongside the proposed footpath will simply add to the feeling of being enclosed and trapped.

I personally can see no benefits of this development for our village or residents.

I urge you to reject this application to change the use of this land because:

- there is no need for more logistics employment in or around this area
- our stretch of the A5 is already severely congested with HGVs
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- the proposed lorry park is too close to the residential areas of Dordon and Birchmoor
- Borough Council made a commitment to take steps to address climate change
- Mental and physical health needs to be made more of a priority
- Wildlife needs to be considered and protected

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

From: Sent:

25 January 2022 16:15

To: Cc: Subject:

Andrew Collinson
Hodgetts lorry Park

planappconsult



25/01/2022

Dear Planning Officer / Mr Collinson

RE HODGETTS ESTATE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION

We are writing to object to the above planning application for more logistic warehouses and a 150 place lorry park on the north side of the A5;Dordon.The borough council should be protecting this land which is a strategic gap between Dordon and Tamworth.

The past few years we have had an enormous amount of logistic sites in our region it has overtaken the whole area no space between these massive warehouses it's absolutely awful to drive past never mind through they are so overpowering why would we want more? It ruins the identity and character of Dordon village beyond recognition.

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The noise and light pollution is another factor the noise is already at its worst and with a large lorry park it will only get increasingly worse. This park is too close to residential areas and I do not believe that buffers and landscaping will not stop the noise.

Also these developments do not seem to have any real commitment to establishing any zero carbon only the opposite in fact to create more carbon .Thousands of tons of CO2 will be generated every year by lorries and this carbon release will not be offset by the proposed 6.5 hectares of woodland and hedge planting .

I also think what kind of green spaces, heritage and clean air will be left for our children, grandchildren and future children to enjoy or breath if we keep building and building.

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And the climate change issue should be addressed . As I said also above what will left for future generations to enjoy .

Your sincerely

From: 26 January 2022 08:38

To: <u>planappconsult</u>
Cc: <u>Andrew Collinson</u>

Subject: HODGETTS ESTATE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION - STRATEGIC

GAP



26th January 2022

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**Kind Regards** 

# **Andrew Collinson**

From:

Sent: 27 January 2022 13:30
To: Andrew Collinson

**Subject:** proposed lorry park Dordon

#### Sent from Mail for Windows

We are opposing the proposed Lorry Park and Warehouse facility at Dordon site as we have found that the traffic particularly Lorries have no respect for other road users when travelling along the A5 with several near misses on the roundabout when turning into Long Street coming from Grendon, whilst the lorries seem to think they have right of way and anybody turning into Long Street has to give way to them coming down the A5 towards Grendon. The noise already is beyond belief and the extra traffic will be unbearable. All the extra traffic will bring more pollution to what was once reasonably tolerable but is not anymore. It wont be just extra lorries but extra cars going into the facility causing more traffic chaos.

## **Andrew Collinson**

From:

Sent: 27 January 2022 11:14

To: Andrew Collinson

**Subject:** A5 Lorry Park Dordon/Birchmoor .

Sent from my iPhone; I would like to register my my refusal to allow the the Lorry Park to be built on what is left of the meaning full gap between Dordon and Tamworth. This would be a total travesty to allow this unnecessary development to go ahead. I do not believe we require any more Lorry's or traffic shoe horned into this area. It is not fair on local people and is definitely not fair for the wildlife that use that area. My personal belief is that it is the sheer greed of this developer with no concerns for the area, wildlife or locals .yours

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATION: PAP/2021/0663

**TITLE: Mr D Hodgetts** 

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Your name Your address

Dear Sir,



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