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for the attention of the Chief Planning Officer & Mr. Lee Burman

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Having lived in Christian Malford for the last 51 years, this is the first time I have resorted to complain to the local authority.

My concern, is with regards to the proposed development at the site at junction 17 roundabout at Draycot Cerne. I believe it is anticipated that the development will be a distribution centre occupying 75 acres or **1,000,000** square ft. My concerns are as follows

- 1) dispersal of rain water and possible flooding
- 2) volume of traffic entering and leaving the site
- 3) control of site traffic and other vehicles
- 4) effect on local residents

The residents of Christian Malford have not been consulted on this matter. I believe it was felt that this site would not adversely affect them

#### Dispersal of rain water

This site will produce a considerable amount of flood water unless there is a system of controlled removal. Low lying areas such as Draycot cerne and Sutton Benger, will be subject to flood water. This in turn affects Christian Malford residents, as they have to navigate the floods to attend the surgery at Sutton Benger. and to travel to Chippenham. If the rain water is allowed to run into the river Avon then serious consideration should be given to dredging the river on either side of the bridge between the two villages. This area is already subject to flooding

#### Site traffic

I have been informed that approximately 300 vehicles per hour will be entering and leaving this site. By my reckoning this is 5 vehicles per minute. How is this traffic plus the traffic from the surrounding villages to be controlled on to the round about? We already have to queue on the motorway slow lane to access the slipway leading to the roundabout, and this is at present traffic density. As a regular user of the recycling centre I have to queue in the middle of the road during busy times thus making access to the truck stop very difficult for trucks entering and leaving the truck stop. Even under present conditions it has become a dangerous situation. If trucks and other traffic have to queue to access the motorway it will become even more dangerous.

Once the Hullavington hi tech trading estate becomes operational the traffic will become intollerable in this area, but I trust this has been taken into consideration by the planning authority

#### Effect on village residents

In order to avoid this congestion, village residents who live in Dauntsey, Christian Malford Sutton Benger, Draycot Cerne and Langley Burrell, will use Kington Langley as an alternative route to the motorway. This will make life very difficult for all concerned, as Kington Langley roads are unfit for this volume of traffic. Particulary the bend by the village church. No doubt you have given this some consideration .

#### Conclusions

The local council must be congratulated on their efforts to bring new business to the Chippenham area, unfortunately, I believe this type of business is unsuitable for our area. What is required is small to medium sized companies with potential growth, to grow in line with the growth in the infrastructue. Having spent my entire life in the design of automation systems I believe there will only be a handfull of jobs created by this project. The entire warehouse can be controlled by automation systems and a handfull of employees. Most of the jobs will be in the recruitment of vehicle drivers, and many of these will reside elsewhere other than Chippenham, providing little benefit to Chippenham.

Finally if the planning authority allow this project to proceed, they will have betrayed all the residents in the aforementioned villages and they will have to live with the legacy of this betrayal.

yours sincerely

Jim Copland