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Proposed redevelopment of Pyestock North site

Thank you for sending me the documentation in respect of the application by Astral Developments Ltd for the erection of a warehouse and distribution park.

I strongly support the objections raised by Rushmoor Borough Council and the arguments which they have adduced in support of their objections. In particular, there is no doubt that the proposed development represents a substantial threat to the strategic gap between Fleet and Farnborough since the scale of the proposed development vastly exceeds the nature of the current National Gas Turbine Establishment.

Although I note that it is suggested that the main HGV movement would occur outside peak hours, nevertheless, the need to access and exit the site by employees will undoubtedly exacerbate what is already a very congested area at peak hours.

In addition, the movement of so many HGVs at night will undoubtedly impact on the quality of life of those of my constituents who live to the east of the Minley link road.

For the foregoing reasons I hope that Hart District Council will oppose this massive development.

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