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For the attention of Olivia Tresise

Madam,

Re: Planning Application for Motorway Rest Area at Junction 16
PL/2023/09142

Having received your letter relating to the above I wish to offer my objection to the plan in writing; not everyone has the facilities to respond using technology.

The mass of roads and roundabouts having relatively recently been built at Junction 16 are promoting massive car use when many organisations are trying to prevent further climate catastrophe. The possibility of walking across this huge area has been ignored: witness the leading of traffic from Swindon's recent enormous building works, which should have been directed to Junction 15.

The construction you are proposing is an outrage. There are sufficient facilities already along the M4 for fuel, food and rest. Witness that planning has been given to vehicle-selling businesses to occupy extremely large areas; some of this land could be regained to give lorry drivers travelling North/South a rest. I mention this in respect of what I was told by a local counsellor.

The Proposal would be of further detriment to wildlife, whose lives are ever-increasingly threatened by motor vehicles. Nor do we in Wiltshire want trespassing on our properties. (I recall a trespass on the farm taking many months to remove.) Nor do we accept yet more continuous loud noise, day and night.

The obfuscatory nature of your "letter" (without an address to facilitate replies) seems part of the bullying you seek to exert, especially in the light of the ridiculously extensive list of what you deem irrelevant and refuse to consider.

The proposed development is a money-making scheme rather than a necessary facility.

Yours sincerely,

