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1 This written representation is on behalf of Aldbury Parish Council in opposition to the appeal. Tring Station is mentioned several times in the documentation concerning the planning application. The hamlet of Tring Station comprises the West Ward of Aldbury parish and, as the name suggests it contains Tring railway station. The residents of the hamlet would be seriously impacted if this planning application were to be approved on appeal.

2 The roads at Tring Station are not up to the standard of town roads. They are country lanes that are already having to cope with considerable stress, particularly at access points & at T junctions during peak hours. The roads in Tring Station are Beggars Lane, Northfield Road & Station Road. Station Road is the much used through road running from Aldbury to Tring town. It provides access to the railway station which is sited off the road. The road can be so congested with parked vehicles in one section that larger vehicles (buses, lorries, vans etc) must mount the pavement in order to pass stationary traffic. The volume of traffic would inevitably increase if the application were to be approved. Parking in the hamlet is already a major concern.

3 The properties in Tring Station most affected by traffic congestion are at Fog Cottages (located parallel to the railway lines) and the Posting House (next to the station forecourt). Access to these properties is through the station forecourt, which is often blocked by stationary vehicles which should not be there, and which often back up onto Station Road. Again, the situation would only be made much worse if the planning application were to be approved on appeal.

4 A plan, added to the planning application documents after the consultation period, contains proposals for changes at the station forecourt that are impractical as they would block access to Fog Cottages & the Posting House.

5 The Parish Council has of course already objected on several grounds to this proposed inappropriate development on Green Belt land.