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<b>Opinion:</b>	Object

### Comment

Bridgwater Tennis Club has enjoyed an appropriate site opposite the proposed new services for over 30 years. Members not only travel from Bridgwater and the immediate area, but considerable distances along the M5. External events, are also hosted, due to the advantageous location.

A new service station would significantly add to traffic on an already busy junction, particularly at peak times and when traffic is diverted off the motorway. This would impact on time taken to reach the club.

Some members cycle and even walk across the junction from Bridgwater/North Petherton. Safety would be impacted with increased traffic.

Noise/litter and general pollution would be an issue and impact on a pleasant sports club area.

Significant screening would be needed to reduce, but not remove, the impact of this.

Prime agricultural land opposite the club would be used and further industrial development on the Huntworth side of the motorway would follow. Surely a better proposition would be to redevelop the services the other side of Jn 24.

The services would cover an area with a large capacity for vehicles, adding to the general congestion.

Jobs would be created, but these would impact on other local businesses; pubs etc.

The tennis club could lose a number of members to other tennis clubs that have a more pleasant environment in which to relax and enjoy sport