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Planning Inspectorate
Major Planning Applications
Temple Quay House
Bristol BS1 6PN

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your Ref TR 050005
West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 201 X

I have a vicarious interest in this project in so far as what demand will be placed upon the track capacity of the railway between Milton Keynes & London by the suggested number of freight trains that will access the proposed terminal.

The emerging Plan MK visualises that the population of Milton Keynes will increase from the present 220,000 to 400,000 (approx) during the course of the next 30 years. The Plan is now at the stage of Inspector's "clarifications" consequent upon Public Examination. A proportion of this population increase will commute to London: simply because house prices (new build or otherwise) are so much lower than the price for an IDENTICALLY-sized house situate within most parts of the M25 ring. A mortgage is now within financial reach.

London Overground recently introduced TUBE frequency between Willesden Junction and Stratford making it impossible to operate freight across the North London "system" between 0600 and 2000, even 2200, to/from Thames Gateway/London Tilbury/even Felixstowe.

Tesco, so I understand, are constructing their own terminal at DIRFT (Darebury International Rail Freight Terminal). Rail Central (an NIC approved project) have now made formal planning application to the Local Planning Authority in Northampton. Another freight terminal (NIC approved?) adjacent to Northampton is in a state of "active slumber."

Is there some sort of summary of the responses made so far;

even if it is only a list of the topics which have been raised. Better still, a summary of the two or three most discussed topics in a maximum of around 200 words each.

Yours faithfully



P.S. I have no interest in any of the Environmental Impact Statement - apart from a non-technical summary of the noise impact; or of the actual detailed layout (etc etc) of the Project.

The Times
19/9/18

SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008
THE WEST MIDLANDS RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE ORDER 201X
REGULATION 9 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER ("DCO") BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE.

APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER TR050005

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced application for a DCO (the "Application"), submitted under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008, by Four Ashes Limited of 4th Floor, 7/10 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W1G 9DQ (the "Applicant"), has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The reference number applied to the Application is TR050005.

The proposed development is the construction, operation, use and maintenance of a rail freight interchange (including warehousing and associated highway works) on land west of Junction 12 of the M6 motorway, immediately south of the A5 trunk road.

The development will, amongst other things, involve the construction, operation, use and maintenance of:

- An intermodal freight terminal with connections to the West Coast Main Line capable of accommodating up to 10 trains per day and trains of up to 775 metres long and including container storage, associated HGV parking, rail control building and staff facilities;
- Up to 743,200m² of rail served warehousing and ancillary service buildings;
- New road infrastructure and works to the existing road infrastructure;
- Demolition of existing structures and structural earthworks to create development plots and landscape zones;
- Repositioning and burying of electricity pylons and cables; and
- Strategic landscaping and open space, including alterations to public rights of way and the creation of new ecological enhancement areas and publicly accessible open areas.

The proposed development is "EIA development" for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) which is development requiring that an Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement (this is Document 6.2).

A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps may be inspected free of charge at the following locations and during the hours set out below.

1. **Brewood Library**, Newport Street, Brewood, Stafford, ST19 9DT (Opening Times: Tuesday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm, Wednesday to Friday 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, Saturday 9.30am to 1pm);
2. **Penkridge Library**, Bellbrook, Stafford, ST19 5DL (Opening Times: Monday 2pm to 6pm, Tuesday 2pm to 7pm, Wednesday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm, Thursday 2pm to 5.30pm, Friday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm, Saturday 9.30am to 1pm); *please note that due to the size of the documentation boxes, a copy of the environmental statement is not available at Penkridge Library, please visit one of the other venues to view this.
3. **South Staffordshire Council**, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, WV8 1PX (Opening Times: Monday to Friday 8:45am to 5pm); and
4. **Staffordshire County Council**, Staffordshire Place, Stafford, ST16 2DH (Opening Times: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm).

The documents relating to the Application (including the Environmental Statement) will be on display at the above locations from **19 September 2018**. Throughout that period the documents can be accessed on the Applicant's website: www.westmidlandsinterchange.co.uk or on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/west-midlands-interchange/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app>. Copies of the Application documentation can be provided in paper copy form for a fee (proportionate to the specific documents requested) or on USB stick free of charge upon request by email to contactus@communityrelations.co.uk or by FREEPOST WMI.

Representations on the Application should be made direct to the Planning Inspectorate. A representation giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application must be made on an "Application to Register as an Interested Party (Relevant Representation) form" which can be completed online on the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/west-midlands-interchange/> or obtained from the Planning Inspectorate by telephoning 0303 444 5000.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to Register to Participate in an Examination (February 2017) provides further guidance on how to register as an interested party and make a representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>.

Forms must be completed online or sent to The Planning Inspectorate, Major Applications and Plans, Temple Quay House, Bristol, BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate project reference must be quoted in any correspondence; the reference number is TR050005. Any representation must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than **29 October 2018**. Please note all representations will be made public.