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Dear Mr Ranger

**Planning Act 2008
Four Ashes Limited**

Application pursuant to section 37 for a Development Consent Order in respect of the construction of a rail freight interchange and associated development (West Midlands Interchange)

We refer to the letter from the Examining Authority dated 23 January 2019 containing the agenda for an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) relating to the Draft Development Consent Order. The agenda included some questions regarding draft documentation, at Annexes 2-5.

The Applicant thought it might be helpful if it provided a draft response to those questions in advance of ISH1 which will be finalised and submitted as post hearing submissions following the hearing. Accordingly a document is enclosed containing that draft response.

Annex 5 of the agenda refers to the draft s.106 agreement submitted at the time of the submission of the application, which was in August 2018. The drafting of the s.106 agreement has moved on and accordingly the latest draft is also enclosed with this letter (Document 7.7C). This draft has moved on substantially but is not an agreed draft and is the subject of continuing discussions.

Also submitted to the Examining Authority, in advance of Deadline 2, are Statements of Common Ground completed with Network Rail (Document 8.1), Environment Agency (Document 8.2) and Historic England (Document 8.3).

We also take this opportunity to submit an updated document list which includes any documentation submitted since the application was submitted and incorporates the Examining Authority document references (Document 1.3A).

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