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Dear Mr Singleton,

**Re: West Midlands Interchange (your ref -TR050005)**

Thank you for your invitation to the Preliminary meetings in respect of the above. The following people will be attending the Meetings on behalf of the Trust:

- Anne Denby, Area Planner
- Ailith Rutt, Planning Manager
- Ben Richards, Planning Intern

With regards to the Agenda the Trust has the following comments to make:

***Item 4 – Statements of Common Ground***

It is noted that the Examining Authority has requested that a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) is prepared by the Applicant and the Canal & River Trust and the deadline for submission of the SoCG is the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Whilst the Trust are now in a position where we can work with the Applicant on producing a SoCG it should be noted that to-date a detailed draft document has not been produced for comment. Therefore the Trust are concerned that the current deadline will not provide sufficient time to complete this document and request that this deadline is amended to ‘Deadline 4’ on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

***Item 6 – Hearings and Accompanied Site inspection (ASI)***

The Trust consider it would be useful for the Examining Authority, in considering the effects on the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal and its associated infrastructure (objective 13), to view the site from the towpath and via a boat trip along the canal from Hatherton Marina to Gailey, as a minimum. The view from the water can be quite different to the surrounds and result in a different perspective of the development proposed.

Whilst representatives from the Trust will be attending we do not at this time intend to speak at the Preliminary meetings. We would however be happy to respond to any queries that may arise in relation to the above points or other matters relating to the impact on the canal, reservoir and associated infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any queries.

Kind regards

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