



West Midlands Interchange

OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Project reference TR050005

Written Representation submitted by Christopher Walton

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Submission Deadline 6

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Dear Mr Singleton,

Re: The Examining Authority's second written questions and requests for information (ExQ2)

Thank-you for requesting a response from the Applicant in respect of my observations regarding the absence of performance targets and indicators from the WMI Proposal documentation submitted, and further, my contention that a comprehensive suite of SMART performance indicators should be incorporated within any DCO approved.

You will note the Applicant has condensed, within its reply, the broad expectations and benefits that government SRFI policy is believed deliver. It is disappointing that the Applicant within this response has chosen not to engage the essence of the principal reasoning contained within my submission, document reference REP3-017. This can be summarised as, "what gets measured gets done".

I maintain my position that to help legitimise the representations and projections made within the Applicants submission document a transparent mechanism, using output based and site-specific performance targets and indicators, requires to be developed and negotiated.

In the event that the DCO is approved the adoption of a performance management framework will promote accountability and support the confidence of the Secretary of State that government policy objectives are being addressed within the scheme. Appropriate performance indicators could in fact be used more widely to assist the Secretary of State assess the effectiveness of the SRFI programme on a national level.

As the response of the Applicant failed to answer the question you directed to them, would you please request that this matter be revisited and response reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Walton