

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [West Midlands Interchange](#)  
**Subject:** Re: TR050005 - West Midlands Interchange  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

With regards to you email below and in particular ExQ3 3.1.1. I am writing to you to express my grave concerns about the request to delay any rail infrastructure connection for up to six years after the first tenants occupation, or indeed any delay to this part of the project. Surely if this application is genuinely a nationally significant infrastructure project, based upon the provision of a rail freight hub, then surely the first part of this project should be the rail link?

As someone who works in the construction industry, the thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of tonnes of steel, aggregate, building equipment and materials that will be needed to build this project, (not taking into account the building of the the rail link itself), surely if the developers believe in the usefulness of a rail freight hub, is this not the perfect opportunity to demonstrate its effectiveness to potential tenants by delivering the project materials to site by the rail link itself?

To build what would effectively be warehousing potentially for up to six years on greenbelt will be disastrous for the community and local roads, which are already as I am sure you will have seen evidence of - bursting at the seams and that's before the new designer shipping village in Cannock opens next year.

I also have to ask that if a company takes up a lease on one of these warehouses and has to wait 6 years for a rail link, they either don't need one (so wont use it if it ever was built) or they will have had six years to develop a road based logistics network and therefore again, will not need to use the rail hub.

My biggest fear is that if the rail terminal is not built first, then it never will be and for that to happen on greenbelt land would be devastating.

Best regards

Dan Martin.

On Tuesday, 30 July 2019, 13:34:44 BST, West Midlands Interchange <WMIInterchange@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

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Please find below a website link to a letter requesting further information, in the form of written questions, and setting a deadline for responses.

Whilst most of the questions are directed at the applicant, all parties are welcome to respond.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR050005/TR050005-001100-Reg%2017%20letter%20July%2030%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

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Please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Inspectorate's case team if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

West Midlands Interchange Project Team

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