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Dear Sirs,

As an Interested Party I have the following comments concerning the Department for Transport letter dated 24/1/20:-

1. In the section relating to the Applicant and Network Rail, reference is made to a 'side agreement' between the 2 parties. I would like to know where this is published. I have not been able to locate it in any of the documents I have read. It should certainly be in the public domain.
2. Neither in any written evidence, nor in a conversation with a member of the Inspectorate during a site visit, has a satisfactory answer been given regarding the disruption to passenger train services which will be caused should this development be approved. The rail connections from the hub into this loop of the West Coast Mainline are planned to introduce at least 4 long freight trains a day into the network where currently 4 to 5 passenger trains per hour run in each direction. It is inconceivable that this can be done other than overnight. In the Southbound direction this will cause unacceptable noise through built up residential locations such as Wolverhampton and Birmingham and similarly Northbound through Penkridge and Stafford.
3. I consider these matters to be of sufficient import as to require a specific response.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Carless