From: West Midlands Interchange

Subject: Change of wording from "must" to "should"

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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned about the recent development that the language of the proposal be changed from 'must' to 'should' regarding the rail link. My job requires me to travel on the M6 and the A5 on a daily basis and I can attest to the level of congestion on these roads which has been exacerbated by the smart motorways and much needed upgrades to the network.

Should the developer not be required to build a rail link this would create havoc locally and misery for local residents and indeed anyone unlucky enough to have to commute on the A5, M6 and the A449.

As I understand it the original proposal was considered only on the basis that a rail link would definitely form a part of the development. I would urge you strongly to guarantee the rail link should this project be allowed to continue as the backlash from residents is already mounting.

Kind regards Frances Benton Assistant Progress Year Leader



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