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To: [West Midlands Interchange](#)
Subject: Re: West Midlands Interchange - TR050005
Date: 31 January 2020 11:33:03

My Ref: 20013060

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent email informing me of the request by the legal team, acting on behalf of the developer, to change the legal wording of the planning consent document.

I, like the vast majority of the local residents find the legal terminology difficult to digest, and the letter is very long and detailed.

I fear this will make it very hard for residents to comprehend and respond, for fear of looking/sounding stupid.

However, it seems to me, the developer and their legal team are attempting to change a fundamental element to this whole concept/proposal. I, like many other local residents have been concerned that the West Midlands Interchange has been dressed up to suggest it was a 'strategic freight rail hub', where in reality it simply a vehicle to build monstrous warehousing, on precious green belt land.

I do not believe the Developer and their legal team should be allowed to diminish the Rail element of their proposal.

The current traffic situation on the A5 and A449 is horrendous, as the M6 is frequently closed or at a standstill due to accidents on the smart motorway section. Allowing the Proposer to suggest the WMI 'should' include a rail terminal, rather than 'must' include a rail terminal - suggests to a lay person, such as me, to think their focus is; profiting from building warehousing that will create the demand for more vehicles on our already over subscribed road network, rather than reducing traffic.

[REDACTED], I am terrified of the prospect of an additional 18,000 vehicles per day, entering or leaving our area. And, what is more terrifying is the fact those figures have been estimated by the developer, based on the concept that WMI 'must' have a rail terminal.

I would like for you, to ask them, to re-estimate this figure if the proposal suggests, Rail is only a 'nice to have' rather than a 'must have'.

Thank you for time, reading my email.

Regards

Russ James

On 24 Jan 2020, at 11:52 am, West Midlands Interchange <WMInterchange@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

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Please find below a link to the letter requesting comments on the matters set out in the Secretary of States Letter dated 24 January 2020 & comments from all Interested Parties on a late representation from the Applicant dated 13 December 2019.

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR050005-001345>

If this link does not open automatically, please cut and paste it into your browser.

Yours faithfully

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