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Mr K. O'Hanlon
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Mr O'Hanlon

The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to respond to the correspondence received from the Department for Transport date 24 January 2020 regarding the letter to the Secretary of State from Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP.

This Parish Council, on behalf of its residents, is totally opposed to the West Midlands Interchange. However, should the Secretary of State decide that this plan is to be approved, the Parish Council would like to see strict conditions applied in order to ensure that the rail link is in place before more than 25% of the warehousing is built and occupied.

Failure to not have a rail link as a priority will greatly increase the volume of traffic on all the roads, major and minor in and around the area which will have a serious effect on local people's lives and the on the natural environment.

Any decisions taken with regard to the Northampton Gateway, the East Midlands Gateway or indeed any other Development Consent Order should not automatically impact the Four Ashes site.

In addition to 13 Parish Councils, South Staffordshire Council and two MPs, over 1,800 individuals, a significant number of people given its rural location, are totally opposed to this development and would petition that the development be refused in its entirety.

Yours sincerely

Maggie Birtles PSLCC
Clerk to the Council