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Subject: Response to letter dated 13/12/2019 from Eversheds Sutherland acting for Four Ashes Ltd to The Secretary of State for Transport
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I would like a comment on the changes made in the wording in the above letter.

The developer, Four Ashes Ltd have changed the wording in relation to the proposed building of the rail terminal and connections to read SHOULD instead of MUST. If this wording is agreed, this would then allow them to get away with not building the rail terminal.

It appears that the only reason this development has managed to progress to this stage is because it is a 'Strategic Rail Freight Interchange' and without the rail terminal and connections it is not. This is totally wrong! This means that the green belt land would be developed entirely for road based freight in the totally wrong location, adding a huge volume of HGV traffic onto our already heavily congested roads and increasing traffic problems. The M6 is already over capacity and the Smart Motorway is causing additional problems.

Hundreds of residents have strongly objected to the proposed WMI for the many reasons already posted: the environmental issues are now paramount including noise, pollution and road safety. Our green spaces are so important to our environment and climate change.

There are brown sites available that are more suitable and well equipped to house such an industrious development, instead of carving up precious green belt land which is so important for future generations.

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Sent from my iPad