

Department for Transport

WEST MIDLANDS INTERCHANGE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2020

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR EIA DEVELOPMENT

The Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that a determination has been made on an application made by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for Environmental Impact Assessment development.

The application was for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new Strategic Rail Freight Interchange and associated infrastructure close to Junction 12 of the M6 Motorway in South Staffordshire District. The proposal is for an intermodal freight terminal, including container storage and Heavy Goods Vehicle parking, rail served warehouses and ancillary buildings. The Development Consent Order (“DCO”) would also grant development consent for new road infrastructure and works to the existing road network, including the reconfiguring and burying of existing overhead powerlines and pylons. In addition, the DCO would contain compulsory acquisition powers in relation to land and rights that would be required for the purposes of the development.

The Secretary of State has determined, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority which conducted an examination into the Application, that development consent should be granted and has decided, therefore, to make an Order under sections 114, 115 and 120 of the 2008 Act.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an Order granting development consent, which has been prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116 of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main features to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s web-site:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/west-midlands-interchange/>

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