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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: TR050005. The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 (SI:2020/511) (as amended by The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange (Correction) Order 2020)

Please find attached our response to the proposed amendment to the development order

Kind regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

SECTION 153 AND SCHEDULE 6 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 6 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011 (AS AMENDED).

The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 (SI:2020/511) (as amended by The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange (Correction) Order 2020)

Natural England has received the above consultation dated the 8 June 2023 and received on the 9 June 2023 from Terra Quest on behalf of Four Ashes Limited.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England has reviewed the application made by Four Ashes Limited to the Secretary of State for Environmental, Food and Rural Affairs and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to make a non-material change to the above mentioned Development Consent Order and advises that in principle the proposed changes are acceptable. The proposed changes may impact protected species and consideration should be given to updating relevant documents to reflect any impact and mitigation, if required (i.e. should the potential impact have not been taken into account already).

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on █@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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