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Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED NON-MATERIAL CHANGE UNDER 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 NO. 511) (AS AMENDED BY THE WEST MIDLANDS RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE (CORRECTION) ORDER 2020**

**LAND WEST OF JUNCTION 12 OF THE M6, IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE A5 TRUNK ROAD, GAILEY**

I write in response to the receipt of the above application, which was made by Terra Quest acting on behalf of Four Ashes Ltd. Notification was received at our head office on 13 June 2023.

The Environment Agency has no objection to the Proposed Change 1: Bridge Spans. Contrary to the supporting documentation the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal is not a statutory Main River and as such, permission is not required from us for works within its vicinity. Canal and River Trust should lead on this element of the proposals.

We have no objection to Proposed Change 2: Road Level Changes which will more likely affect surface drainage proposals under the remit of Staffordshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority.

We have no objection to the Proposed Changes 3: The Rail Infrastructure Area (Zone C). These changes at the southern end are within the vicinity of the SI Group Land

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which is operating a groundwater remediation scheme under an Environmental Permit and as such is covered by Part 6 of the Protective Provisions. We have reviewed the *Environmental Implications Report Appendix E: Ground Conditions Technical Note* and are satisfied that the proposals do not result in a significant deviation from that assessed under the Environmental Statement in 2018. As such we are satisfied that any new risks associated with this proposed amendment will be managed by both the SI Group's Protective Provisions and Requirements 13 and 14 in relation to contaminated land.

We note that SI Group are listed within Appendix 1 as Persons with an Interest in this Land and as such may comment further on this aspect of proposals.

We have no objections to the proposed changes in relation to dropped curbs and footways.

Finally, I can advise that the Environment Agency are currently in discussions regarding a proposed variation of the SI Group Environmental Permit to relocate some abstraction and monitoring wells. These changes have been mutually agreed upon in discussions between SIG and West Midlands Interchange in order to facilitate the proposed redevelopment.

If you have any queries please contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully

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