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To: Applicant and all other
Interested Parties

Date: 11th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011

Application by Four Ashes Limited. (“the Applicant”) for a Non-Material Change to the proposed West Midlands Interchange Project.

CONSULTATION SEEKING COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT and ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. I refer to the application made by Four Ashes Limited dated June 2022 seeking a change to The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 (S.I. No. 511) as amended by The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 (S.I. No. 1163) (“the Application”). The Application was published on 12 June 2023 and the Secretary of State initiated a consultation on it on the same day. The deadline for the receipt of representations was 14 July 2023.
2. The [representations received](#)¹ in response to the consultation have now been published.
3. The [Applicant responded on 5 September 2023](#) to the points raised in the representations to the Secretary of State’s consultation.

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/west-midlands-interchange/?ipcsection=docs&stage=7&filter1=Non-Material+Change>

4. The Secretary of State invites **all Interested Parties** to provide comments on the Applicant's response. In particular, the Secretary of State invites:
 - **Natural England** to provide comments on the information contained in the Applicant's letter regarding its Environmental Implications Report submitted in support of the Application.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

5. Responses should be submitted by email only to WMInterchange@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 18 September 2023.
6. Responses will be published on the West Midlands Interchange project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 18 September 2023:
 - [West Midlands Interchange Project | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/west-midlands-interchange-project)
7. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold the non-material change for the proposed West Midlands Interchange Project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit