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Our Ref West Midlands Interchange
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Dear National Infrastructure Team,

Proposal: Non-material change to the West Midlands Interchange Development Consent Order

Location: West Midlands Interchange, Watling Street/Wolverhampton Road, Gailey

Waterway: Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a prescribed consultee in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) process.

The Trust has reviewed the non-material change proposals related to increasing 1no. finished road level spot height on the proposed A5/A449 Link Road from +105.6m above ordnance datum (AOD) to +107.2m AOD. Given the various Trust Protective Provisions¹ that apply and our ongoing engagement with the developer, including on the diversion of the canal feeder to accommodate the link road, we have no comment to make on the proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Part 7, Schedule 13, The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020

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