



Proposed DCO Application by Segro Properties Ltd for East Midlands Gateway Phase 2

Royal Mail Group Limited's response to Examination Deadline 7

Introduction

Royal Mail is an Interested Party to the ongoing Examination into East Midlands Gateway Phase 2 (EMG2), reference F0324402D, a section 56 representation was submitted on 8 January 2026.

This further representation updates on Royal Mail's current position on the EMG2 proposal and specifically section 4.6 of the EMG2 Draft Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) ref PC24-004 EMG 2 as within the Construction Environmental Management Plan October 2025 (Appendix 3A, Document DCO 6.3A).

Royal Mail – relevant information

Under section 35 of the Postal Services Act 2011, Royal Mail has been designated by Ofcom as a provider of the Universal Postal Service. Royal Mail is the only such provider in the United Kingdom. The Act provides that Ofcom's primary regulatory duty is to secure the provision of the Universal Postal Service. Ofcom discharges this duty by imposing regulatory conditions on Royal Mail, requiring it to provide the Universal Postal Service.

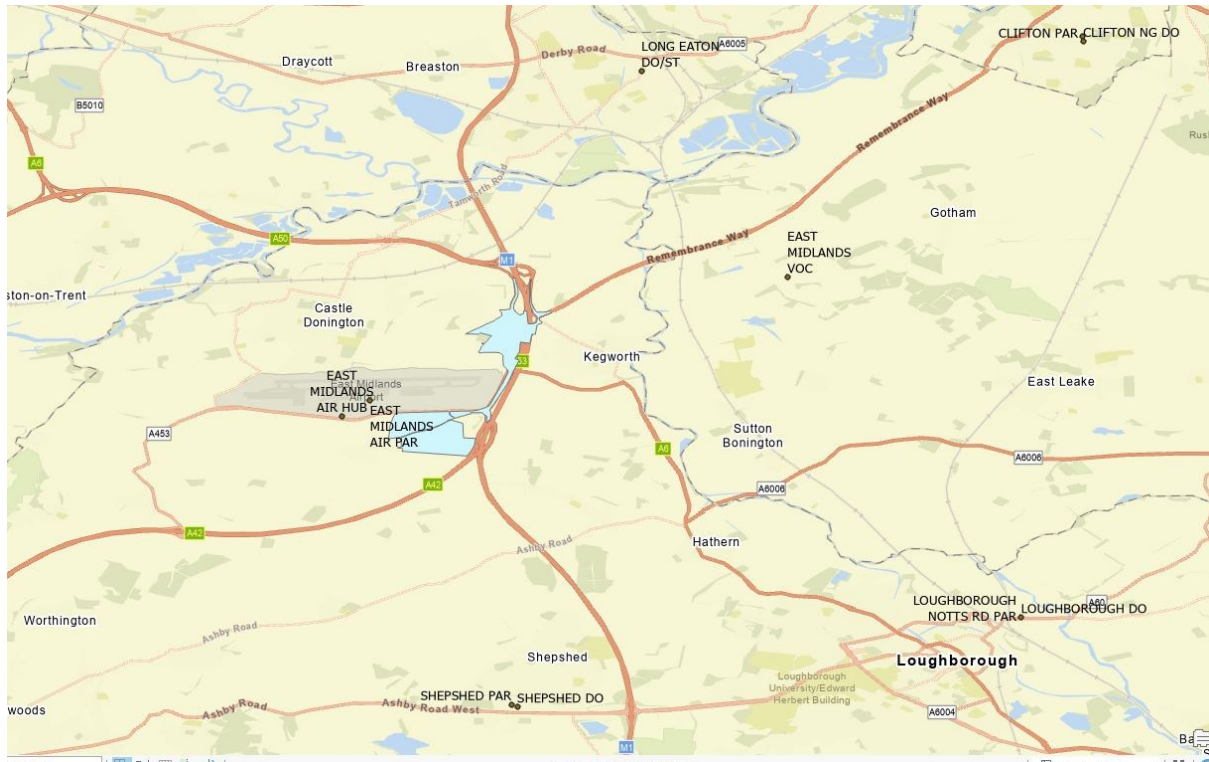
Royal Mail is under some of the highest specification performance obligations for quality of service in Europe. Its performance of the Universal Service Provider obligations is in the public interest and this should not be affected detrimentally by any statutorily authorised project.

Royal Mail's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. Royal Mail's ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network.

Royal Mail is a major road user nationally. Disruption to the highway network and traffic delays can have direct consequences on Royal Mail's operations, its ability to meet the Universal Service Obligation and comply with the regulatory regime for postal services thereby presenting a significant risk to Royal Mail's business.

Royal Mail has 7 operational sites within approximately 10 km of the proposed EMG2 DCO boundary, including at the following locations (with approximate distances to the route) as shown on the plan further below:

1. East Midlands Air PAR – c. 600m
2. East Midlands Air HUB – c. 600m
3. East Midlands VOC – c. 5.5km
4. Shepshed DO – c. 6.5km
5. Shepshed PAR – c. 6.5km
6. Loughborough Notts Rd PAR – c. 9km
7. Loughborough DO – c. 9km



Every day, in exercising its statutory duties Royal Mail vehicles use all of the main roads that will be affected by the construction phase of EMG2.

Any periods of road disruption / closure, night or day, on or to the surrounding highway network will have the potential to impact operations and may consequently disrupt Royal Mail's ability to meet its Universal Obligation service delivery targets.

Royal Mail's performance of the Universal Service Provider obligations is in the public interest and as indicated above should not be affected detrimentally by any statutorily authorised project. Accordingly, Royal Mail seeks to take all reasonable steps to protect its assets and operational interests from any potentially adverse impacts of proposed development.

Update on Royal Mail position on East Midlands Gateway Phase 2

This major proposed infrastructure project is in a busy area of the East Midlands close to the M1 motorway, EMG1 and East Midlands Airport. The construction works for this proposed new logistics hub will be of a scale, nature and duration that has potential to impact Royal Mail's road-based distribution and delivery services.

Royal Mail's East Midlands Air HUB and East Midlands Air PAR are less than 1 km from the proposed scheme and will share access from the M1 via the A453 with the proposed development, presenting a possible risk of delays to Royal Mail operations. In addition, there is potential for cumulative impacts together with other major developments in the area during both the construction and operational phase of EMG2.

In view of this, advanced knowledge of any proposed Traffic Management, road closures or other works affecting the public highway, its capacity or journey times will be key to enabling Royal Mail to manage impacts on its operations and business.



To this end Royal Mail welcomes section 4.6 of the Draft CTMP ref PC24-004 EMG 2 which is broadly in line with the mitigations that Royal Mail requested during the pre-application stage and which indicates commitment by Segro Properties Ltd or its contractors to giving Royal Mail the required advance notification of works affecting the highway.

Royal Mail will monitor remainder of the Examination and DCO determination process with the objective of ensuring that the requested mitigation measures set out in section 4.6 of the draft CTMP are included in the final CTMP without any changes.

In the meantime, any further information requests on this infrastructure project or any questions of Royal Mail should be sent to:

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