From:
West Midlands

To: West Midlands Interchange

**Subject:** West Midlands Interchange Ref TR05/0005

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Dear Sirs,

I write in response the the letter received from Eversheds Sutherland in December regarding the change of wording from "must" to "should".

I must object most strongly to the changing of the word "must". This will surely mean that the rail freight could be delayed by many years and we will be left with totally unnecessary warehouses that will have savaged and damaged our precious green belt and will wreck havoc on our roads, our health, our villages and our lives in general.

It appears to an ordinary person that the developers have used the term "Strategic Rail Freight" to merely obtain permission to build huge warehouses in the first instance and then wait years doing nothing about the rail freight hub.

Thank you for your time and trust the right decision will be made.

Yours faithfully

Chris Smythe