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There should be absolutely NO DILUTION of the original planning permission. The West Midlands Interchange was allowed to go ahead as a strategic national project only because it would have a rail freight terminal, helping to send freight by rail and reduce HGVs from our roads. The developer could only open a limited amount of warehouse space before it had to build the rail terminal.

The proposed changes ie more warehouses and no rail freight terminal, will increase traffic movements on the A5, M6 and M54, including HGV traffic, placing additional pressure on an already busy strategic route. Particular concern exists at the section of the A5 outside the Bradford Arms, Wheaton Aston, which has experienced recent accidents and is regarded locally as a highway safety black spot. Increased traffic associated with the development could exacerbate existing safety risks for motorists, pedestrians and local residents. The application should therefore address the cumulative impact of increased traffic on this location and require appropriate mitigation. Given the recent accidents, consideration should be given to installing a traffic island/pedestrian refuge or traffic signals at the Bradford Arms to improve safety and provide safer crossing and turning opportunities.

The impact of the development on this existing highway safety issue should be fully assessed before planning permission is granted.

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