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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: 26/00672/WMI

Please find attached accompanying letter from South Staffordshire District Council on the below.

Proposal: Planning Act 2008: Proposed Non-Material Change to the West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 (as amended by The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange (Correction Order 2020) and The West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange (Amendment) Orders 2023 and 2025 (The Order).

The contents of the letter are self-explanatory however the Council wishes to make clear that the Secretary of State needs to satisfy themselves that the primacy of the rail freight terminal as part of this scheme is not diluted and that the potential delay to the delivery of the rail freight terminal and its subsequent operation does not dilute the rail based focus of the scheme which was central to its justification in this location.

Yours faithfully,

Corporate Director of Place and Communities