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Subject: urgent Road access before the A5-A449 Link Road.
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I am writing as a resident of **The Old Vicarage, immediately adjacent to the A5/Vicarage Road junction at Gailey**, regarding the proposed Amendment No.3 Non-Material Change to the West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order.

I only became aware of this application today, 30 September 2026, after speaking to a neighbouring resident. I was therefore unaware of the proposed changes during the consultation period and had no opportunity to make a representation before the deadline.

I am particularly concerned by the proposed changes to the highway triggers which would allow approximately **186,000 square metres of warehouse floorspace to be served via the Vicarage Road access before the A5-A449 Link Road is required**, compared with the original DCO arrangement under which approximately 47,000 square metres was to be served via the Vicarage Road access.

I also understand that WMI's own transport consultant, WSP, has assessed a scenario in which approximately 187,000 square metres is served via Vicarage Road. Its 2036 sensitivity modelling predicts HGV movements on **Vicarage Road between the WMI access and the A5 increasing from 423 to 2,020 HGVs per day – an increase of approximately 378%**.

The same assessment predicts HGV traffic on the **A5 between Vicarage Road and M6 Junction 12 increasing from 2,881 to 4,324 HGVs per day – an increase of approximately 50%**.

I appreciate that these are modelled increases against WSP's 2036 "Do Minimum" baseline rather than measured increases against current traffic. Nevertheless, as a resident living immediately beside the junction through which this traffic would pass, I am extremely concerned about the potential effects of such a substantial concentration of HGV traffic, including noise, disturbance and the effects of HGVs braking, stopping and accelerating at the traffic signals.

Given the scale of the changes identified in the applicant's own traffic analysis, **I do not consider the potential effects on residents immediately adjoining this route to be non-material.**

I am also concerned that I was completely unaware that this change was being proposed despite living at one of the residential properties immediately adjoining the affected junction.

I appreciate that the formal consultation period has now closed. However, as I only became aware of the application after the deadline, I respectfully request that this email be accepted as a late representation and placed before the Secretary of State before any decision is made on Amendment No.3.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether my representation can still be taken into account and whether the application has yet been determined.

Kind regards,

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