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27 October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011

Application by Four Ashes Limited ("the Applicant") seeking non-material changes to the West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange Order 2020 ("the Order") as amended by the West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange (Amendment) Order 2023 and the West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange (Amendment No. 2) Order 2025 ("the Amendment Orders").

Thank you for your letter dated 20th October regarding the above. CBRE is the Planning Agent acting on behalf of Four Ashes Limited ("The Applicant").

The Applicant is considering carefully the points raised in the Department's letter and the responses required to address these appropriately and robustly. In doing so, it is noted that you have invited the Applicant to provide further details in relation to the environmental effects of the proposed non-material change and to engage with interested parties, including Network Rail, as integral parts of the response.

Your letter also provides a link to the representations received to the non-material change application, which includes responses received following the formal end date of the consultation period. We note these late responses have been accepted at the discretion of the Secretary of State, and the Applicant endorses this decision.

The Applicant is working to respond fully to the points outlined in the letter and as required, to any other relevant points raised in consultation responses, including those received after the date of 25th September 2026.

In order to provide sufficient time to do this, including to undertake the requested engagement with Network Rail and others as may be deemed necessary, and given availability constraints due to half term holidays, the Applicant requests a short extension of time to respond until **27th November**. This additional time is requested to enable the Applicant to complete required further engagement and provide the various pieces of requested environmental and other information and clarifications to allow the Department to determine the application.

I trust this requested extension of time is acceptable. Please contact me should you require any further information or have any queries regarding the above.

Yours faithfully,



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For and on behalf of CBRE

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