



Strategic Rail Freight Interchange West Midlands

Role

Quod provide strategic planning advice in relation to the West Midlands Interchange (WMI) Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) project in the West Midlands.

Quod are appointed by Four Ashes Limited (FAL), made up of Grosvenor, Kilbride and a local landowner, to advise on a Development Consent Order (DCO) submission for a new SRFI. The Site is located around 10 kilometres north of Wolverhampton, lying immediately west of Junction 12 of the M6 with the West Coast Main Line bisecting the Site.

The DCO application was submitted in August 2018.

The DCO application seeks consent for an intermodal freight terminal with direct connections to the WCML. The terminal will be supported by up to 8 million sq ft (c. 750,000 sq m) of associated rail-served warehousing (including warehouses with the potential to link directly into the WCML). The vision for the WMI project is to maximise the benefits of the unique, strategic location to provide a state-of-the-art rail freight interchange of national importance and significance, fulfilling the long-outstanding need for a strategic rail-served logistics site in this area.

The Site is subject to a number of land, environmental and heritage sensitivities (including Green Belt and a Canal Conservation Area). Quod have worked with the consultant team to address these sensitivities within the submission.

Quod has provided FAL with strategic planning, compulsory acquisition and socio-economic advice on the project throughout.

A decision on the DCO application is expected in early 2020.

For any queries, please contact Sue Willcox or John Rhodes.

Description

Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) with associated warehousing

Client

Four Ashes Limited (Grosvenor, Kilbride and a local landowner)

Expertise

Planning	✓
CIL	
Environmental Planning	
Development Economics	
Socio-economic	✓
Infrastructure	✓
Strategic Land Promotion	
Regeneration	
CPO	✓

Project Type

Infrastructure	✓
Major Mixed Use	
Residential	
Retail & Commercial	✓