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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) –
Regulations 8 and 9**

**Application by Ashfield Land Management Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Rail Central Strategic Rail Freight Interchange**

**Scoping consultation and notification of the applicant's contact details and
duty to make available information to the applicant if requested**

The applicant has asked the Secretary of State for its opinion (a scoping opinion) as to the information to be provided in an environmental statement relating to the project. You can access the request and the report via our website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Alternatively, you can use the following direct link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/3569186>

The Secretary of State has identified you as a consultation body which must be consulted by the Secretary of State before adopting its scoping opinion. The Secretary of State would be grateful therefore if you would:

- Inform the Secretary of State of the information you consider should be provided in the environmental statement, or
- Confirm that you do not have any comments.

If you consider that you are not a consultation body as defined in the EIA Regulations please let us know.

The Secretary of State is entitled to assume under Regulation 8(11) that you do not

have any comments to make on the information to be provided in the environmental statement, if you have not responded to this letter by **11 January 2016**. The deadline for consultation responses is a statutory requirement and cannot be extended. Responses received after this deadline will not be included within the scoping opinion but will be forwarded to the applicant for information.

Responses to the Secretary of State regarding the scoping report should be sent preferably electronically to environmentalservices@pins.gsi.gov.uk, or by post marked for the attention of Hannah Pratt.

Once complete, you will be able to access the Secretary of State's scoping opinion via our website, using the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/rail-central-strategic-rail-freight-interchange/>

As the Secretary of State has been notified by the applicant that it intends to prepare an environmental statement, the Secretary of State is also informing you of the applicant's name and address:

Ashfield Land Management Limited
C/o Danny James
Turley
10 Queen Square
Bristol
BS1 4NT

You should also be aware of your duty under Regulation 9(3), if so requested by the applicant, to make available information in your possession which is considered relevant to the preparation of the environmental statement.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Hannah Pratt

Hannah Pratt
Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor
on behalf of the Secretary of State

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.