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Dear Sirs

Please see attached letter issued on behalf of my client Royal Mail Group Limited.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sirs

The Midland Metro (Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Land Acquisition) Order – Plots 327 and 331. Our Client: Royal Mail Group Limited

Our client, Royal Mail Group Limited (RMG), is responsible for providing efficient mail sorting and delivery nationally. As the Universal Service Provider under the Postal Services Act 2011, Royal Mail Group has a statutory duty to deliver mail to every residential and business address in the country as well as collecting mail from all Post Offices and post boxes six days a week.

RMG's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. RMG's ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network. Disruption to the highway network can have direct consequences on RMG's operations, affecting its ability to meet its Universal Postal Service Obligation and its ability to comply with the regulatory regime for postal services. This can, therefore, present a significant risk to RMG's business.

Whilst my client understands the requirements for the West Midlands Combined Authority to undertake the works as described in the proposed Midland Metro (Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Land Acquisition) Order, RMG formally objects to the above Order on the grounds that their operational and statutory duties to collect and deliver mail may be adversely affected. From the information supplied, RMG is unable at this stage to fully determine the potential impact on its ability to perform its statutory duties. RMG therefore reserves the right to produce further grounds of objection once further details are released, unless their concerns can be satisfied.

In particular RMG has concerns regarding the proposed works to Waterfront Way and Level Street and the impact of the works on the surrounding road network within the redline boundary as identified on plans B1-B5 that were included with the Land Interest Questionnaire.

We would welcome the opportunity to further liaise with the West Midlands Combined Authority on the above issues to understand what works will be entailed and the duration of the works to ensure RMG's requirements can be met during the period of works.

I look forward to hearing from you further in due course; please direct correspondence to the above address.

Yours faithfully

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