

Penkridge Parish Council

West Midlands Interchange [Rail Hub and Storage] - Four Ashes



Penkridge Parish along with other local Parishes may be affected by the proposed Major Development on **Mainly Green Belt** land as shown on the Developers Plan below
[website link <http://www.westmidlandsinterchange.co.uk/>]

From the **South Staffordshire Council website** and elsewhere there is a lot of further information available – including the quotes below:
[website link <https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planning/west-midlands-interchange.cfm>]

*“**South Staffordshire Council** has a role as a Consultee and will be invited to comment on the application, setting out what impact the development would have locally”.*

South Staffordshire Council have stated their position in a report dated 27 May 2016 quote:-

“ The Council is aware of the National Policy Statement ...(NPS) that seeks to create a network of Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges (SRFIs) across the country.....

The Council will be asking the Secretary of State for Transport, when making his decision, to consider very carefully whether or not there exists alternative sites that perform at least as well as, if not better than, Four Ashes in meeting the Government’s aim of creating a national network of SRFI’s”

It is hoped that the Consultation by the Governments Planning Inspectorate will also allow Local Parishes, residents, businesses and others to comment on issues which may be affect the Communities.

A local Community group has been set up to inform the local residents about the effects that these Proposals may have on the Area. Their statement is also shown below.
[website link [Stop the Gailey Freight Hub.org](http://StoptheGaileyFreightHub.org)]