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Dear Mr Goodwin

Thank you for your letter of 9 March seeking Norman Baker's intervention in the disposal of Plot 6 of Bristol Temple Meads station to ensure its future use – in conjunction with the Digby Wyatt Shed - as a major multi-modal transport interchange hub to serve the city area. I have been asked to reply.

These are matters to be taken forward by Network Rail, Bristol City Council, and the Local Enterprise Partnership - which will assume some of the South West Regional Development Agency's (SWRDA) responsibilities upon the Agency's closure in Spring 2012. Ministers do not have any power to intervene.

However, I have raised your concerns with Network Rail. Network Rail advises that its property surveyors have met with officials from the City Council and the SWRDA; and offered to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to engage with the Council to assist with their aspirations for an interchange on Plot 6. I understand that at this point the Council is unable to confirm the form of the interchange and its impact on the developable site area. Therefore Network Rail is currently unable to assess the financial impact.

Yours faithfully



John Carding