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## More info?

Midlands local OpenStreetMap project group: [www.mappa-merciamap.org](http://www.mappa-merciamap.org)

More about OpenStreetMap: <http://wiki.openstreetmap.org>

Or get in touch by email: [team@mappa-merciamap.org](mailto:team@mappa-merciamap.org)



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