

I attended the recent Peterborough hearings both online and in person as an interested party and as Rutland County Council ward member for Essendine, Ryhall and The Casterton's. When discussing the construction Transport routing I raised several points that I felt were very important in order to potentially mitigate routing concerns, particularly in respect of the people of Great Casterton.

I have been involved in HGV/LGV transport operations for a good deal of my professional life, and I am seriously concerned about the impacts of vehicles over the weight of 7.5 Tonnes accessing the construction site through the village of Great Casterton.

I have discussed this with the Highways Team at RCC, and whilst the proposed route through Gt Casterton is not ideal, I do understand the reasoning behind the current plan.

However, the plan against the reality will undoubtedly be quite different. I would therefore appeal to you that there is a perfectly viable alternative that would mitigate all the concerns raised, and this would be to insist that all vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes only access and egress the site via the A6121 from Bourne direction. Access either from the North A1 at A151 Colsterworth, from the South A1 or A43 at either A1139 or A47 (Peterborough) through to A15 (Bourne). Routing from these points would entirely eliminate the Gt Casterton problem, and keep all HGV'S on main trunk roads with proper resting places right to point of delivery, without significant added journey times. Light vehicles would be able to go through Gt Casterton as per present plan. As an experienced HGV driver this would be my preferred route, and this is the route that I would direct any HGV.