

Great Casterton Parish Council (GCPC)



15th April 2024

Ref; 2023/0120/NSIPCO Mallard Pass Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

GCPC maintains its opposition to this proposal for a variety of reasons. Our previous comments of 15th June 2023 stand.

Of primary concern to GCPC is the impact upon our village during the planned two-year construction phase. The proposed route, Route#1, requires HGV's and any abnormal loads to negotiate, what is commonly accepted to be, a dangerous crossroads linking the Old Great North Road (B1081), Pickworth Road and Ryhall Road (A6121) at the heart of our village, within a designated conservation area, and close to educational and childcare facilities.

The number and severity of accidents at this junction has increased markedly in recent months and representations have been made to both Rutland County Council (RCC) and our MP. We believe that an increase in HGV and LGV traffic will only make matters worse.

Appendix F of the [Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan](#) (Pg45) illustrates a swept path analysis for an articulated lorry at the Junction following route 1. This appears to show the left hand turn being made within the existing junction layout. However, in the response [Q6.0.10](#) in the applicants response to written question it is clear that road layout changes are planned during the construction phase.

The crossroads at Great Casterton suffers from poor sight lines and a carriageway of insufficient width in Water Lane. Enforced junction modifications to the only public amenity space within this conservation area will, we fear, only serve to increase the risk of accidents in addition to an increased level of pollution and increased risk to pedestrians. This from a proposed level of daily 58 LGV's and 42 HGV's.

In its Local Impact Report (LIR), Rutland County Council (RCC) has proposed that the developer provide a community benefits package. GCPC is provisionally supportive of this and would be interested to learn if such benefits could include improvements to longer term road infrastructure, safety and signage.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, GCPC