

## SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008

### THE NORTHAMPTON GATEWAY RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE ORDER 201X

#### REGULATION 9 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

#### NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (“DCO”) BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

##### APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER TR050006

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced application for a DCO (the “Application”), submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008, by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited of Lumonics House Valley Drive Swift Valley Rugby Warwickshire CV21 1TQ (the “Applicant”), has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The reference number applied to the Application is TR050006.

The proposed development is the construction, operation and maintenance of a strategic rail freight interchange (“SRFI”) including warehousing on land west of the M1 motorway at Junction 15 and east of the Northampton Loop Railway Line and associated highway works to include a bypass to the north of the village of Roade.

The development will, amongst other things, involve the construction and operation of:

- An intermodal freight terminal including container storage and HGV parking, rail sidings to serve individual warehouses, and the provision of an aggregates facility as part of the intermodal freight terminal, with the capability to also provide a ‘rapid rail freight’ facility;
- Up to 468,000 sq. m (approximately 5 million sq. ft.) (gross internal area) of warehousing and ancillary buildings, with additional floorspace provided in the form of mezzanines;
- A secure, dedicated, HGV parking area of approximately 120 spaces including driver welfare facilities to meet the needs of HGV’s visiting the site or intermodal terminal;
- New road infrastructure and works to the existing road network, including the provision of a new access and associated works to the A508, a new bypass to the village of Roade, improvements to Junction 15 and to Junction 15A of the M1 motorway, the A45, and other highway improvements at junctions on the local highway network and related traffic management measures;
- Strategic landscaping and tree planting, including diverted public rights of way; and
- Earthworks and demolition of existing structures on the main site.

The proposed development is “EIA development” for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) which is development requiring that an Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement (this is Document 5.2).

A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps may be inspected free of charge at the following locations and during the hours set out below.

1. **South Northamptonshire District Council** (in the Library on the ground floor), Towcester, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD (Opening Times:

- 09:00 – 18:00 Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 17:00 Saturdays and 11:00 – 14:00 Sundays);
2. **Northamptonshire County Council**, One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton, NN1 1ED (Opening Times: 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday);
  3. **Northampton Borough Council**, St Giles' Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE (Opening Times 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday);
  4. **Roade Library**, High Street, Roade, NN7 2NW (Opening Times: 10:00 – 14:00 Wednesdays and Saturdays, 14:00 – 18:00 Thursdays and Fridays, 11:00 – 14:00 Sundays);
  5. **Hunsbury Library**, Overslade Close, Northampton, NN4 0RZ (Opening Times: 09:00 – 18:00 Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 17:00 Saturdays and 11:00 – 14:00 Sundays); and
  6. **Wootton Library**, Wootton Community Centre, Curtle Hill, Northampton, NN4 6ED (Opening Times: 14:00 – 17:00 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10:00 – 13:00 Wednesdays, 10:00 – 14:00 Saturdays and 11:00 – 14:00 Sundays).

The documents relating to the Application (including the Environmental Statement) will be on display at the above locations from **28 June 2018** until **5 August 2018**. Throughout that period the documents can be accessed on the Applicant's website: [www.northampton-gateway.co.uk](http://www.northampton-gateway.co.uk) or on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/northampton-gateway-rail-freight-interchange/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app>. Copies of the Application documentation can be provided in paper copy form at a cost of £600.00 (or an appropriate, proportionate charge for specific documents) or on USB stick free of charge upon request by email to [contact-us@northampton-gateway.co.uk](mailto:contact-us@northampton-gateway.co.uk) or by post at Northampton Gateway SRFI, PO Box 10570, Nottingham, NG2

Representations on the Application should be made direct to the Planning Inspectorate. A representation giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application must be made on an "Application to Register as an Interested Party (Relevant Representation) form" which can be completed online on the Planning Inspectorate website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/East%20Midlands/Northampton-Gateway-Rail-Freight-Interchange/> or obtained from the Planning Inspectorate by telephoning 0303 444 5000.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to Register to Participate in an Examination (February 2017) provides further guidance on how to register as an interested party and make a representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>.

Forms must be completed online or sent to The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate project reference must be quoted in any correspondence; the reference number is TR050006. Any representation must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than **5 August 2018**. Please note all representations will be made public.