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Northampton Gateway SFRI Proposal

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Dear Sirs.

I would like to register my strongest possible objection to Roxhill's plans for the proposed Road/Rail Interchange adjacent to the M1 Junction 15 in Northamptonshire, for a number of reasons:-

1. The area covered is huge. Is this necessary when the area has any number of unlet warehouses and DIRFT at Junction 15A is not at full capacity.
2. The increase in traffic on the M1, already frequently choked in this area, would be immense, and roads leading to Junction 15 could not cope with this without widening.
3. The plan would severely affect or destroy 3 lovely old villages and would cover vast acres of rich agricultural land.
4. The Northampton Rail Loop Line is very slow and if more heavily used would interfere more with traffic on the main line. AND it has not been explained where all this freight traffic is coming from. Which routes will be used to get to Northampton without using the main line?
5. Northampton itself would not be capable of providing the workforce needed as there is almost full employment here. This would result in many more people coming into the area, more building of houses, more noise and more pollution.
6. Northamptonshire is often referred to as Britain's best kept secret for its history, beauty and historic building. If this monstrosity were to be built it will become like so many other areas in the country – a vast expanse of enormous grey boxes surrounded by large and soulless housing estates. There is no infrastructure here to support this.
7. What happened to the South Northants Local Plan to limit development to north of the M1? And why build this Interchange so far from the markets it will serve?
8. Already property round here is becoming more difficult to sell, and decreasing in value. And what happens to all those people whose jobs are nearby and will lose their homes. And the numerous small businesses which will be swallowed up?
9. The amount of air and light pollution this will create is so great, the effect on people's lives is unthinkable. And what about the wildlife, forests and lovely countryside it will destroy?

Yours Faithfully,

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