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To: Northampton Gateway
Subject: Objection to Northampton Gateway SRFI

I would like to register my strong opposition to the Northampton Gateway SRFI development.

My husband and I moved to a sheltered housing property in the village when it was allocated to us due to my deteriorating health. I suffer from macular degeneration, a degenerative eye condition which is gradually leaving me with worse and worse eyesight. I also suffer from pulmonary fibrosis, a chronic illness which will finally become fatal. We moved here in order to be in an area with better air quality than where we lived previously. If this proposal goes ahead the drop in air quality from day one of the building works will have a serious impact on my health and will mean that I will start, at that point, to suffer a serious deterioration to my already limited quality of life.

In addition to the threat to my health I am seriously worried that the increased traffic on our local roads will make it much more difficult for me to be able to attend routine and emergency medical appointments. Our doctor's surgery is in Blisworth, the next village to us, and it is already very difficult to get to their surgery in Stoke Road due to the traffic using this road as a cut through from Milton Keynes to Northampton, mainly due to congestion on the A508 and A43. Our hospital lies in the opposite direction in Northampton and we are already finding it difficult during busy periods, usually 7.30-9.30a.m.. and 3.30-6.30p.m, to attend hospital appointments, meaning that we are already having to try to make appointments outside of these hours. It is inevitable that I will have to attend the hospital more often as my conditions worsen and I am seriously worried that it will become more likely that I may not even be able to attend some of them.

I am also concerned that many of our local footpaths are scheduled to be moved and altered to such an extent that as my condition worsens and the distances I am able to walk become less I will be unable to walk in open countryside with a reasonable quality of air.

I am not the only person in the sheltered housing who has breathing complaints, several of our neighbours have COPD and other lung complaints and they will also suffer in a similar way.

If I thought that this SRFI were necessary and would be of benefit I would be less resentful but there is another one only a few miles away which has many years of capacity to deal with any increase in rail freight demand. Even worse is the fact that another SRFI is being proposed on the other side of our village and no one seems to care that this is all going to destroy our quality of life, all for no reason other than developers trying to make money out of our farmland.

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