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I wish to object to the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Terminal proposal for the following reasons:

- 1) Daventry International Freight Terminal (DIRFT) is within 18 miles and has sufficient capacity to expand to 2030, it makes no sense to locate another rail terminal within such a short distance.
- 2) The advantages of the conversion of the M1 into 'Smart' running to reduce congestion, only requires one breakdown, let alone an accident to negate any mitigation claims by the developer that this development proposal will be economically viable or advantageous. Disruption on the M1 or the A45/A508 will cause huge delays and not be acceptable to logistics companies.
- 3) The new Northampton University campus is now creating a considerable increase in traffic movements with consequential pollution.
- 4) The air pollution, especially in Collingtree Village which is already at maximum air quality management levels will dramatically increase, the surrounding area will also be adversely affected.
- 5) The Northampton area has statistically low employment levels, employees will travel in from outside the area increasing the numbers of vehicles on local roads and levels of pollution.
- 6) The West Northants Joint Core Strategy states that there should be no commercial development south of the M1, this document was found to be sound by a Government Inspector and cannot just be dismissed.
- 7) I understand that, to date, Network Rail has made no commitment to availability of rail paths. There is a need for increased capacity for passenger trains which will decrease the availability of paths for freight.
- 8) RFT's should be distributed evenly around the country, to build another terminal so close to DIRFT is not neither practical or economically viable.
- 9) Rail Central are planning to build a SRFI on the land between Milton Malsor & Blisworth, the prospect of two warehouse parks using the same stretch of railway line is ludicrous.
- 10) There are many new warehouses in this locality which have yet to be occupied. There cannot be a requirement for any more to be built.

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