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To: Northampton Gateway
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I STRONGLY OBJECT to the building of the rail freight terminal at JCT15.

Pollution: There are already 2 AQMAs (Air Quality Management Areas) in the locality: On the A45 between the Wootton turn-off and the Queen Eleanor interchange; and between J15 up to J16. Over 60% of the site-generated 4,250 HGVs would travel through these two AQMAs daily.

Increase in light pollution affecting our nocturnal wildlife.

Noise pollution as the warehouses built will be open 24/7, HGVs permanently in-site & forklifts, all with reversing warnings, idling engines, diesel trains and aggregates.

The Roade Bypass would merely move pollution from one area of the village to another and encourage additional traffic from both the SRFI and housing in-fill facilitated by the Bypass. We could also lose the BP station and supermarket.

Strategic: National Policy calls for SRFIs across the regions, not clustered, especially with so much undeveloped capacity at DIRFT. Local Plans hold little sway under National Infrastructure Projects policies. As DIRFT has so much potential capacity this development would be better suited further north perhaps nearer Birmingham or Manchester.

Traffic: Traffic will literally double in the area around J15. Vehicles entering the site from J15 will have priority over traffic travelling from Roade leading to severe congestion, delays and potential accidents, especially at peak hours!

There is low unemployment in the area which would mean workers travelling from elsewhere, further increasing the amount of vehicles entering / leaving the site. The motorway already suffers high congestion at peak times with traffic jam / slow moving traffic. The extra traffic on the A508 and M1 will push vehicles onto surrounding roads, many of them country roads not suitable for large volumes of traffic. This extra traffic could cause road deterioration and unnecessary everyday problems for those living in the area. Roads will need to be repaired more often and with the County Council already with money problems who will pay for said repairs?

Housing: Potential for more housing to provide workers for the new site meaning more green belt land being lost and a further increase in traffic.

Farming & the Environment: It will mean the permanent loss of at least 520 acres of productive arable farmland. With so much development not only occurring in the immediate area but across the whole of the county, Midlands and Anglian region concerns arise to where our food will be coming from. We are becoming a country that is no longer self-sufficient relying too heavily on imported goods.

Loss of wildlife corridors and essential habitat which needs protecting; with so many of our native species in serious decline our countryside and wildlife need to be protected before animals such as the Cuckoo, Natterjack toad, Brown hare, Hedgehog & Dormouse become extinct in our lifetime. Degradation of country walks by moving the footpaths and bridleways.

Quality of life: I commute by car every day; this proposed plan would increase my commute time considerably and potentially could make me late for work at peak times.

I moved to this area as I desired to move to a village and enjoy the 'country life'. In the 20+ years I have lived here I have seen more and more development. It is becoming increasingly difficult to enjoy the countryside and our wonderful wildlife while avoiding traffic, new housing estates and industrial sites.

I feel sad that we hold our environment in such disregard, with recent TV programmes such as Blue Planet II and Drowning in Plastic as well as the WWF report advising that losses in vertebrate species - mammals, fish, birds, amphibians and reptiles - averaged 60% between 1970 and 2014. And that "Earth is losing biodiversity at a rate seen only during mass extinctions" I would hope that large scale

developments like this would be curbed and more environmentally friendly developments be adopted.

Regards
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