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Dear Sirs,

In their response to matters raised, the applicants note that many objectors saw the application's claimed SRFI status as a stratagem devised to bypass the West Northants. Local Plan. The ExA will have seen these comments.

No measured refutation of the point has been found among voluminous reports and documentation from the applicants.

An observer may therefore feel justified in inferring that the applicants concede the point, and that the procedure was adopted for that reason.

If so, the applicants' claim that Northampton Gateway would foster modal shift, already dubious for reasons previously cited, may fairly be seen as no more than part of the same manoeuvre, and is accordingly unsound, constituting window-dressing for construction of yet more warehousing in an already overcrowded local market.

This would bear out a view that the application is fatally flawed, and a DCO should not be granted.

I hope that this assists your Examination.

Yours faithfully, SM Blyth



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