

Milton Malsor Parish Council

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To: The Planning Inspectorate
From: Milton Malsor Parish Council
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Dear Sirs,

Application by Roxhill Limited for an order granting development consent to construct a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange adjacent to Junction 15 of the M1 Motorway in Northamptonshire.

Milton Malsor Parish Council sets out below its observations on the response given by Roxhill to the further evidence requested by the Department of Transport regarding impacts on Air Quality during construction of the proposed development.

1. Throughout the response from Roxhill they state that the additional impact of dust and pollution from their construction activities will only have a negligible impact on the local area including the existing AQMA's. The Council contends that any impact no matter how negligible will have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of local residents and reduce the possibility of these areas becoming 'compliant'.
2. Whilst the developers state that the impact on air quality for local receptors is negligible they have failed to provide any new evidence to justify this. Indeed Roxhill concede that their judgements are mainly 'qualitative' rather than 'quantitative'
3. The Council has major concerns in relation to residents of those properties that are situated within the existing AQMA areas particularly those alongside the M1 Motorway who would suffer from the combined effects of this development and the construction of the 'smart motorway' which will bring a running lane closer to their properties.
4. It is important to note that the prevailing wind direction would cause any dust and other airborne pollution from the construction site to travel towards the M1 Motorway and to residential properties on the eastern side of the Motorway.
5. Northamptonshire County Council is already concerned about the level of pollution in the local area and has resolved to oppose this development on the grounds that '*local villages would be seriously affected by air, noise and light pollution that cannot be adequately mitigated against*'. In addition to Milton Malsor, 30 other Parish Councils around the site area have registered, with the Planning Inspectorate, their concerns over the impact of large scale developments on the levels of air, noise, and light pollution.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Addison

Clerk to Milton Malsor Parish Council

On behalf of Members of the Council

25th September 2019