

Department for Transport

THE NORTHAMPTON GATEWAY RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE ORDER 2019

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2009

NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

The Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 23 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, which apply by operation of regulation 37(2)(a)(ii) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, that a determination has been made on an application by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited (“the application”) for an order granting development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

The application was for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new Strategic Rail Freight Interchange and associated infrastructure (“the Proposed Development”) adjacent to Junction 15 of the M1 in Northamptonshire. It included an intermodal freight terminal, including containers storage and Heavy Goods Vehicle parking, rail sidings to serve individual warehouses, and the provision of an aggregates’ facility as part of the intermodal freight terminal with the capacity to also provide a rapid rail freight facility. The application also included new road infrastructure and works to the existing road network. In addition, the order included compulsory acquisition powers in relation to land and rights that would be required for the purposes of the Proposed Development.

The Secretary of State as the decision maker under sections 103 and 104 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) has decided, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application, that development consent should be granted and therefore has made an Order under s114(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an order granting development consent prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116(1) of the Planning Act 2008 and regulation 23(2)(d) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main measures to avoid, reduce and offset any major effects of the development, and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/northampton-gateway-rail-freight-interchange/>

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