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Subject: Objection to application for a non-material change to the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order
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Hi

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I wish to object to the above application for a non material change.

Once the warehousing is built there is no guarantee that the rail connection will ever be finished. It has been an open secret that the company wanted the land for warehousing all along. The original application was deemed strategic because of it being a rail freight terminal and hence was agreed by the government. Simple warehousing would not have been strategic and would have gone through a different planning process. There is no guarantee that this would have been agreed. Therefore it is not democratic for a company to get planning permission based on it being strategic and then try and alter it some two years later

I quote the agreement:

“The rail infrastructure within the area coloured pink on the rail infrastructure plan must be completed prior to the occupation of any of the warehousing and both of the connections to the West Coast Main Line railway must have been constructed and commissioned sufficient for the rail terminal to be operational prior to the occupation of more than 232,260 square metres of the warehousing unless otherwise agreed in writing with the relevant planning authority.” (4) in Schedule 16 insert a new entry in the table as follows

This should stay in place.

Kind regards

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