



15th September 2022

RE Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Project - Non.material change TR050006

Dear Sir,

I rarely write letters such as this because I do appreciate that, however much such things have the potential to negatively impinge on an individuals and village standard of life, there is sometimes a need for progress in this ever-changing world. In other words I am not a NIMBY and appreciate that new buildings and commercial activities are sometimes required. But I am moved to strongly object to the above proposal because I feel the village of Blisworth has already taken its share of change by taking a big hit with the building and eventual operation of Rail Central at junction 15 of the M1. It is unfair to ask the village to absorb even more increase in its traffic load.

I am also concerned about the process in that this is being treated as a non-material amendment as the changes proposed will hugely impact the local area. When the application was granted to SEGRO it clearly stated that the rail infrastructure must be in place and ready for use before any commercial activity could commence. Whilst I am not an expert in such things it strikes me that the amendment asking that 80% of the site becomes operational in advance of any rail connection is a HUGE change in use as far as the local population is concerned and this must be recognised.

I would like you to prevent this amendment going forward. Blisworth just cannot absorb any more traffic and still be safe for the residents.

Yours sincerely

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