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I am writing to object to the proposition that the Northampton Gateway can be operated as a lorry only logistics park until such time as the rail connection is complete and rail track can provide slots.

I live in Blisworth village and was part of a group who looked at the original plans. The reason the development got approval as a strategic interchange was because of the rail connection.

At that time our research showed that the rail capacity was not sufficient to take extra traffic. It seems that is now clear to the developer despite already putting in infrastructure for the rail sidings.. Rather too late! And now they want to open as a road logistics park only with the hope the rail connection will eventually happen.

There was never an obligation for the occupiers of the warehouses to use the railway and now the goal posts are shifting again.

Blisworth village already suffers from too many HGV movements. We anticipated an increase and now are looking at even more. The shortest route to the A43 from Gateway is through Blisworth. Equally from the A43 to Gateway. Most operators will respectfully use the trunk system, via the M1. Some won't. Our road structure is not suitable. We value our quality of life. We do not want to cross increasingly busy roads with our children, dogs, elderly and infirm.

Frankly, the development is morphing to what I suspect the developers were hoping for

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION