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I wish to make a representation about the proposed “Non-material Change” to the Northampton Gateway Project.

Firstly saying that the proposal is “Non-material” is totally false. In terms of the impact of the proposal, to continue with the opening of the Interchange despite there being no foreseeable likelihood of there being any INTERCHANGE with the rail network, it is significantly material. Having decimated the surrounding area for an obviously false premise of a rail interchange despite the rail company being unable to guarantee sufficient capacity, you now propose to turn the area into an HGV exchange and increase the traffic on roads which are not suitable for such vehicles. The air quality, noise and light pollution are already considerably above a reasonable level due to the proximity of the M1 and junction 15. Every time there are delays on the motorway, the surrounding roads are clogged with traffic resulting in an increase in pollution. To turn the site into yet another a warehouse area with HGV’s continually going in and out will only make matters worse. The only reason it was planned as a SRFI was to avoid local planning and now it will not be a Rail Freight Interchange for many years to come. All that destruction of beautiful countryside for nothing except yet more warehouses.

Yours sincerely

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