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It has come to my attention via social media as it has also of course to many other people in the area I live in that Segro has applied to begin use of the warehousing built as part of the rail link to M1 junction 15, before now that the rail link is finished.

Effectively this means the roads in the area are to be filled with yet more HGV's to access those warehouses rather than wait to use rail.

I doubt very much the application will fail,  
Or we will have many 100's of 1000's of square meters of warehousing just sitting there empty and unused-

So my comments are not in effect to ask those warehouses are not used at all,  
But I am very concerned with the extra lorry traffic it will bring to the area,  
Especially at times of traffic jam problems/blocked or closed routes.  
And when the junction 15 or the m1 is closed,  
as often is with the "not so smart" motorway "upgrade" between j14 and 15a.

We already have many HGV's using the tiny back roads in the area that should not be on them, even through tiny villages of Quinton and Wootton and via Courteenhall.  
One such closure I was actually eating lunch with my children on a Saturday in the pub in Wootton "Yeoman of England" and a 52 seat coach came through the middle of the village looking for a short cut, followed by a massive 54 tonne HGV! The road is tiny!

One of my very large concerns is the amount of even more HGV's that will add to the use of some that already use the road from the a45 to drive to the Newport Pagnell Road, straight along a "no HGV's route" ignoring the signs,  
and straight past CCS Caroline Chisholm School,  
It's not supposed to be used by HGV's, yet it is.  
My own house backs onto the field by that school and I walk and drive down it daily, to be met by massive lorries that can only just get round the tight small roundabout that accesses the school link road.

If Segro do get their wish,  
Some local traffic by laws need enforced to guarantee the roads in the area that should not be used by HGV's,  
In fact the issue could do with addressing outside of the Segro application they currently seek attention for.

Thankyou for your time in reading this.

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cc Wootton parish council and Dame Andrea Leadsom

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