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Subject: Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Project - Non-Material Change TR050006
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Dear Sirs

I am writing to object strongly to the proposed amendment requested by SEGRO to the original Development Consent Order granted in October 2019 for the Northampton Gateway.

When the application was granted, it stated that a “railway terminal capable of handling at least four intermodal trains per day...must be constructed and available for use before the occupation of any of the warehousing”. It specifically prohibited any commercial activity until the rail connection was operational. The amendment would allow a large percentage of the site to become operational in advance of any rail connection. I believe that this would open the door to the site operating forever without any rail connection.

I object to the amendment being treated as a non-material amendment when it clearly is material. If the site is allowed to operate before a rail connection is established, this would result in an increase in traffic noise and pollution and would have a detrimental impact on local communities such as Blisworth and the surrounding environment. Blisworth is already blighted by high levels of HGV traffic, particularly when traffic is diverted from the nearby M1.

Once again, I must say that I am strongly against this amendment and feel that the original DCO should be complied with in full. If SEGRO is allowed this amendment, it will open the flood gates to other developers adopting the same approach with the result that warehousing would stretch further and further either side of the so-called “**rail freight** interchange”.

Regards
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