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Good morning

I am contacting you in respect of the above application, and to object to these proposals in the strongest terms possible.

My main issue is that this is in breach of what I understand is agreed policy in that no development and occupation of warehousing is permitted until the rail freight terminal is operating. It appears that the developers are looking to put the cart before the horse. It strikes me that they simply want **a** development, and it clearly would not bother them if the interchange never saw the light of day, they would be happy to have road only accessed warehousing

If allowed this would mean that road traffic would increase significantly before any rail freight connection exists. The roads in this area are narrow country roads, the A43 by pass was designed to reduce traffic going through the villages of Blisworth and Milton Malsor. Access to the proposed site from the south would see HGV's leaving the A43 and passing through the centre of Blisworth, given the narrow roads and sharp bends this is unwise and unsafe.

Can I request that the developers are asked to come back once the Gateway Rail Freight Interchange is actually in place.

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