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Dear Sir,

Re. Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Project - Non-material Change T050006

I wish to express my strong objection to this change being classed as "Non-material". The Development Consent Order was for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange. SEGRO's proposal to operate the warehouses prior to having the rail link is in direct contradiction to the conditions of the DCO. Without the rail link, it is no longer a rail freight interchange and thus no longer strategic. It will become just another warehouse/distribution centre. This, rather than reduce road based goods traffic, will significantly increase it in an already congested area.

The increased traffic and allied pollution will not only affect the area around the site but also the surrounding roads and villages. I live on main road through Blisworth and we already suffer from increased traffic during the not infrequent M1 closures.

This proposed change is significantly "material" and should be open to the proper consultation process. The original DCO was granted based on traffic and pollution data from 2019. Since then there has been a great increase in traffic which makes that data out of date and should be reinvestigated.

SEGRO based their application on the rail link factor and should be held to that. If developers are permitted to make material changes, obviously for financial gain, with no control then the whole planning system is ineffectual.

I urge you to object to this "non-material" description and also to the proposal itself.

Yours sincerely

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