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Subject: Northampton Gateway Rail Freight interchange Project
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you with my **strong objection** to the planning application from SERGO relating to the **Northampton Gateway Rail Freight interchange Project – Non-Material Change TR050006**.

I believe any changes made that allowed trading to commence before a rail terminal was completed or at least one capable of handling at least 4 intermodal trains would definitely breach the original DCO.

This would lead to a road only freight depot which is **not** part of the “National Policy Statement for National Networks or the Strategic Rail Freight Interchange policy.

This points to SERGO trying to create a road freight depot by the back door by trying to make a “non –material amendment” to an application that is clearly Material. The increase in traffic with its associated noise and pollution is obviously going to have an impact, as if there is no rail connection there must be an increase in road traffic that was not catered for in the original application. The original traffic surveys done in 2019 will now be out of date and will need to be redone to reflect any changes to the original DCO

If other developers go down the same route as SERGO then by using a “strategic” approach and then changing it later, this would make a mockery of the planning system.

Yours truly,

Julian Hill

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