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Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendment requested by SEGRO to the original Development Consent Order (DCO) granted in October 2019 for the Northampton Gateway.

This project is called the Rail Freight Interchange. The proposed "non-material" amendment to allow the site to open in lieu of a rail link truly could not be any less material. The purpose of the site, to its very core at planning stage was to provide a rail link and thus keeping freight on rail as opposed to road.

If this amendment is allowed, it is highly likely that the rail link will never be implemented. This makes a mockery out of the original proposal and is an embarrassment not only to the Government but the local planning authority, who supposedly strive to ensure such matters are dealt with appropriately.

It cannot be that a project which attracted so much opposition in the first instance can be completely turned on its head in such a manner.

I trust common sense will prevail and the Rail Freight Interchange will remain just that, and not merely another trading estate which already dilutes the West Northamptonshire countryside.

Best regards

Daniel