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I have had the good fortune to live in [REDACTED] since 1969. Despite increases in traffic, the village has changed little over 50 years. The long-awaited Blisworth bypass, opened in May, 1991 brought relief from the increasing number of HGV's negotiating our narrow High Street. We already have three edge of village developments of relatively minor proportions, which attract the majority of employees from elsewhere, resulting in Blisworth having its' own rush hour.

Any local M1 closures automatically result in all traffic being diverted through Blisworth hurtling past the school, shaking ancient cottages to the foundations and negotiating three tricky junctions.

Already, the Northampton Gateway Development has, for many of us, made junction 15 a no-go area with its' ever changing road system and poor signage.

When this project was first mooted, rumours spread that British Rail had warned there was NO CAPACITY for the proposed increased freight. Yet it WENT AHEAD.

From the Segro website:

'We believe that creating spaces that enable extraordinary things to happen today means enabling people everywhere to be a force for societal and environmental good. This has been a cornerstone of our business for over 100 years. Since launching our Responsible Segro framework, these priorities are embedded in everything we do'.

The above does not ring true in Segro's blatant flouting of the original proposals for the Northampton Gateway, the National Policy statement for national networks and I strongly object to their amendment that this is a non-material development.

I urge you to oppose this amendment and guarantee that the that the original DCO is complied with in full.

If Segro is allowed to proceed with this amendment, it would be an invitation to other developers to adopt the same approach: that is ignore original commitments, bypass local government planning and breach national government policy.

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