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Dear Sir

I am writing to you to object strongly to the amendment requested by SERCO to the Development Consent Order previously granted for the Northampton Gateway.

The original application was granted subject to a rail terminal being in place prior to the occupation of any warehousing and this proposal is clearly in breach of the National Policy Statement for National Networks, the National Strategic Rail Freight Interchange policy and the Development Consent Order granted for the Northampton Gateway. Granting this amendment would make a mockery of the planning process and encourage other developers to adopt similar tactics to bypass local planning, breach national government policy by ignoring original commitments.

SEGRO have submitted this amendment as being non material which is patently untrue as the amendment constitutes a significant change to the original DCO and there is some doubt that should this amendment be allowed the rail terminal will ever be completed as the estate will be fully functioning without it.

The development was started in the full knowledge that National Rail were unable to commit to the rail connection in the foreseeable future, SEGRO have taken the risk and should suffer the consequences. Indeed, they have been marketing units for occupation late 2022 for some time and such arrogance is surely an affront to any right minded person. The only right and proper decision is to reject this application and ensure that SEGRO and similar developers in the future are not allowed to ride roughshod over national planning regulations.

I implore you to reject this application.

Yours sincerely

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