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Subject: Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Project – Non-Material Change TR050006

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To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendment to the Northampton Gateway development, requested by SEGRO.

As I understand it, the original Development Consent Order was approved based on this being the only viable candidate to link up with the National Freight lines, with the overarching reasoning being to reduce the already heavy HGV traffic on our roads. The latest change goes completely against their original proposal, with the changes in affect allowing for a high increase of HGV on the roads, and specifically through our rural communities.

It was said at the time of the original proposal that National Rail could not specify if and when the Freight rail would become a viable option, and as such, this development should never have been given the green light to begin with. Developers have ploughed ahead with the prior knowledge that the likelihood of this being used for Freight traffic was unlikely, and are now attempting to adjust the DCO to fit their new narrative, which is at odds with their original proposal.

I have already seen that you are fighting hard against these proposals, and I hope my voice, along with thousands of others are enough to stop this in its tracks.

Kind Regards

Mr Luke Palmer