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**Subject:** Objection to application for a non-material change to the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order  
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Hi,

I wish to object to the above application for a non-material change.

The building of warehousing without the completion of the rail interchange was obviously the main aim of the developers as they have only ever wanted more warehousing.

The original application was deemed strategic because of it being a rail freight terminal and hence was agreed by the government. Standalone warehousing would not have been strategic and therefore would have had to go through a different planning process. There is no guarantee that this would ever have been agreed as the local community would have been able to object in the normal way.

I believe it is disingenuous and not democratic for a company to get planning permission based on it being strategic with a rail freight terminal and then move the goal posts at a later date.

Clearly this goes against what was in the agreement:

“The rail infrastructure within the area coloured pink on the rail infrastructure plan must be completed prior to the occupation of any of the warehousing and both of the connections to the West Coast Main Line railway must have been constructed and commissioned sufficient for the rail terminal to be operational prior to the occupation of more than 232,260 square metres of the warehousing unless otherwise agreed in writing with the relevant planning authority.” (4) in Schedule 16 insert a new entry in the table as follows

This should not now be changed.

Regards,

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