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Dear Sir \ Madam,

Well here we go again! I am just so angry and fed up that this site is rearing its ugly head again. As you know, this development was very strongly opposed by all the authorities and villagers, but our objections were overruled by the Planning Inspectorate and permission was given because of the "strategic importance as a rail freight interchange". In giving permission it was clearly stated that, "a rail terminal capable of handling at least four intermodal trains per day...must be constructed and available for use before the occupation of any of the warehousing" and it specifically prohibited any commercial activity until the rail connection was operational. To me that seems to be a very important part of the permission so I can hardly believe that SEGRO are now trying to change the rules and claiming that their amendment is non material. That rule is absolutely fundamental. The proposed amendment must not be allowed, I read in the Times Business Section on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September that SEGRO are one of the worlds biggest owners of warehouses. One of the worlds and I wonder how they got to those dizzy hights? Possibly by playing us small people as fools and thinking they are so important they can ignore commitments, ignore local planning, ignore Government policy. The same Times article was headed "SEGROS sheds finally look like they are coming back into fashion". So the plot thickens, as I understand they have been marketing the Gateway units already with proposed occupation soon. Surely this should be forbidden. Quite frankly if this amendment is allowed to be rubber stamped through we may as well all give up. Why bother with rules and regulations when big wealthy bullies can always get their own way. Please will you listen to the many small beleaguered voices and forbid this blatantly contrived application.

Yours in hope,

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