



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange
<b>Address/Location:</b>	The Proposed Development is located in the south west of Leicestershire, east of the town of Hinckley, and is situated between the M69 in the east, the railway line in the west, Burbage Woods and Aston Firs in the south, and the B581 in the North.
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	TR050007

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange: application for an EIA scoping opinion ('the Scoping Report') (dated March 2018)
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The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State has considered the Proposed Development which comprises the construction of a new 225.57ha rail freight interchange located east of Hinckley between the Nuneaton to Felixstowe railway and the M69. A series of sidings branching from and parallel to the Nuneaton and Felixstowe railway will be built to form the new railport. The M69 J2 will be reconfigured to include a northbound off-slip road and a southbound on-slip road and dual carriageway access to the Site. An emergency access road will be created to connect the Proposed Development to the B581 in the north. Within the Site multiple storage and logistics sheds will be constructed with a combined total of 850,000 sq m of storage space. The Inspectorate has taken into account information contained in the Applicant's Scoping Report titled the 'Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange: application for an EIA scoping opinion' dated March 2018 and has had regard to the location of the Proposed Development, its characteristics and the environmental importance of the receiving environment.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in another European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts. The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 22 May 2018

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

### TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

**Document(s) used for transboundary screening:**

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange: application for an EIA scoping opinion ('the Scoping Report') (November 2020)

The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 19 January 2021

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

### TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

**Document(s) used for transboundary screening:**

The Environmental Statement (ES) (March 2023)  
ES Volume 2: Appendix 12.3: Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment.

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The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 15 August 2023

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>