

# Burbage Heritage Group

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Burbage Heritage Group is an important and well respected local representative group which seeks to encourage an appreciation of the rural environment and has actively worked to preserve and enhance the landscape and wildlife in this area.

The proposed development will not only destroy a very large area of open field landscape but its adjacent siting to Burbage Common and Woods will have a devastating impact on the the mental and physical well being of the large number of residents who visit the Common and Woods on a regular basis. Diverting ancient bridleways and footpaths will do nothing to mitigate the damage – who wants to walk around a noisy industrial estate when it was a quiet walk that was needed.

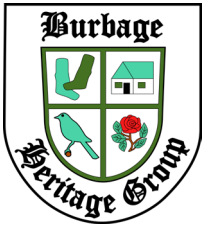
This area was gifted to the residents of Hinckley in the 1930s and has been a lifeline for many over the years, somewhere to go for a walk in the woods, over the common enjoying listening to the birds. Intended then, before motorised transport became the norm, the area was an important refuge from the weekly toil in the factories, breathing clean air. Somewhere not too far to walk and walking was the prime means of getting there and for many still is. All that ambiance would be destroyed – how can you disguise huge warehouses, noise and pollution – you can't.

We know that the wildlife will be changed – no skylarks rising into the air. Light pollution will destroy habitats – hundreds of years of small animal tracks will be gone. Yes it is hundreds of years that we can trace these woods and common area being part of the lands of the Lords of the Manor – those rights now transferred into the hands of the local populace and we need to fight for the retention of this much loved open space.

The proposed link road from the development to the B4668 will be an intrusive and ugly visible site from the Common. The Café and Information Centre together with the children's play area is less than 400m from this road. What is now a pleasant area to sit and chat will become a very noisy and diesel fumed place to be avoided. Bunds and acoustic barriers will do nothing to mitigate the deterioration in air quality.

Are all these HGVs required to be electric vehicles?

It is the residents of Burbage that the enquiry should be consulting and asking if they need all this extra noise and traffic. Has any consideration been given to the fact that the village is surrounded by major roads including the A5 which will become another feeder road for vehicles coming and going to the site. Has any consideration been given to the additional noise and disturbance by the increased rail movements expected. There are already



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complaints about the disturbance caused by freight trains trundling through the night – that disruption to residents' well being will only be made worse.