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District Councillor for the Fosse Stoney Cove Ward in the Blaby District.

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I would like to put forward my objections to the Application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

My objections to the Proposed Development are as follows: -

I became the District Councillor for the Fosse Stoney Cove Ward on the 5<sup>th</sup> May and since this time I have had numbers of questions regarding the HNRFI from my ward residents, and it has become clear that Tritax Symmetry have failed to put forward adequate information on a variety of areas for this proposed development so I can answer these concerns.

The proposal does not have a sufficient transport strategy in place and consequently will cause significant adverse road network impacts, traffic delays and air pollution at junctions in village centres close to schools. The village of Stoney Stanton is already gridlocked with traffic at certain times of the day. The M69 / M1 Leicester junction is gridlocked with traffic queuing back up the M69 towards Junction 2, most days late afternoon / early evening. This means villages around the area are impacted with drivers trying to find ways around the congestion, on roads that are not designed to take high levels of vehicle movements.

Does not meet the requirements for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) with rail-first priority. Rail in this proposal is a part player in the role of bringing goods into this freight interchange. Lorries are the primary mover, again putting increased pressure on an already overloaded road network. The information being provided by Tritax is very limited and lacks any real depth.

There have not been adequate consultations with residents. As the Blaby District Ward member, Fosse Stoney Cove Ward, there has been no communication with residents in my time as a councillor, May 2023 onwards.

Does not include a satisfactory noise and light pollution assessment, for the villages around the proposed site.

Fails to explain the impacts in neighbouring villages such as Stoney Stanton, Sapcote, Elmsthorpe, as well as Hinckley. The barrier crossing point in the middle of Narborough as not been assessed with the potential increased barrier downtime.

Does not provide adequate works and skills plans. Where will the work force come from, again a lack of facts, information. How will this impact our villages and area.

Underrepresents HGV movements and workforce requirements in this rural sustainable location. The movement of the proposed work force will add to traffic issues.

The site will give rise to untold damage to village communities, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote, Elmsthorpe are the nearest villages and will be impacted by both traffic and light pollution. Our resident's quality of life will be affected.

The village of Croft also comes into my Fosse Stoney Cove Ward and with it the Quarry at Croft. I am on the Croft quarry liaison group and at our last meeting we were told about the approval of the mineral plan and the proposed use of trains to bring inert material on site to the quarry void. The increase in rail traffic by this potential site does not seem to be factored into the already approved mineral plan, and the operation at Croft Quarry.

Does not meet the government's net zero expectations.

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