

I am a resident of Stoney Stanton. My name is Roger Booth and I live at [REDACTED]
I am writing to formally make my concerns known about the planned proposal for the HNRFI by Tritax.

As a local resident I am totally against the proposal to build this Rail Freight Interchange for the following reasons: Tritax have stated that they intend to handle 16 rail movements per day. This would have a serious impact on the Narborough level crossing causing immense traffic congestion.

From our local public consultation meeting held earlier in the year I learnt that HGV movements are planned at 4,500 per day but this could rise to as high as 10,000 movements per day. I note that they plan to make road "improvements" much of them within the surrounding villages, so it is clear that the expectation is for significant increased road traffic either from their HGV planned movements and/or from 8,400 employees that they propose to recruit. These plans would effectively destroy the village communities and have a serious damaging impact on the current infrastructure in the surrounding area, and would destroy the rural landscape. Moreover I was told by Tritax that 60% of the warehousing to be built would be for road haulage which does not make sense if this is really to be strategic rail freight interchange.

Also as I understand it, in order to be considered to be an SRI, it must serve markets within 15 Km of the operation when conveying goods by road. Since the plans are to locate the interchange in a very rural location I cannot see how this can be satisfied as there are no major towns within this footprint.

Their proposals also overlap with a number of existing RFI's, such a DIRFT near Magna Park, and SEGRO's operation near East Midland airport, which is only about 20 miles away, and which is already planning to handle 16 rail freight movements a day from Felixstowe, exactly the same number as Tritax plan to handle and from exactly the same location.. There is already massive overcapacity in the area, and I consider the plans to be superfluous to requirements and should not go ahead, particularly as SEGRO are doing exactly as Tritax plan to do.

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