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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Hinckley Rail Freight Interchange – Burbage Consultation Event 24.02.2022**

I am writing to you following correspondence I have received from a number of constituents who attended the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Consultation Event in Burbage on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

My constituents have raised the following concerns with me about the event and I would be grateful if you would address these:

1. That the room used for the consultation at Burbage Millennium Hall was too small when there is a larger hall available at the same premises. This is of great concern given the ongoing pandemic.
2. Some people had to wait for over an hour (one constituent even said they waited for two hours) to look at the proposals, queueing in the cold. This included elderly people who were queueing in close proximity to one another for an extended period of time. In addition I have been told there wasn't any seating set out for those who couldn't stand for a long time so some people had to find chairs and move them round as the queue moved. Some elderly people decided they couldn't do this and left.
3. The display boards used were flimsy, too small and too close together, meaning that only around three people at once could look at them which was difficult in the crowded room.
4. The "Community Explanation Document" and "Public Consultation Feedback" were not available to later attendees as these ran out. This is of particular concern for local residents who are not able to access these online, many of whom are elderly.
5. There was not enough detail and clarity in the information provided.
6. Constituents were concerned that it was difficult to hear what Tritax staff were saying over the noise of the small crowded room.
7. There were also concerns raised at the quality of the information which was being given by Tritax staff and have raised the following specific points:
  - Vague reassurances being given about HGVs having to stick to agreed routes without detail on how this would be enforced.
  - One constituent told me he asked about the mitigation for the extra diesel pollution caused by the increase in freight train movement in and out of the port and was told

that the intention was for Network Rail to electrify the line but no information was available about when this would happen.

- With regard to the noise levels at the rail port, one constituent said they were told wouldn't be worse than it is right now and there would be sound barriers although they might not look very nice. So the constituent says they remain unclear if there is going to be mitigation for noise pollution or not.
- Constituents say when they asked about HGV movements per day, they were told there would be "quite a lot" but were not given exact figures.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know how you are planning to address these issues and ensure that the people of Burbage are able to access the information and detail they need on the Rail Freight Interchange proposal in order to be able to effectively take part in the consultation.

I am especially concerned that reasonable adjustment was not made to ensure that those with the protected characteristic of age were able to access the event safely.

I look forward to hearing from you further.

Yours sincerely



Dr Luke Evans  
**Member of Parliament for Bosworth**