

I am a Burbage resident and object to the proposed Rail Freight Terminal for the following reasons:

1. The Rail Freight Terminal will have a massive effect on Burbage Common as a place of recreation and relaxation. If the development goes ahead the buildings will tower over the countryside. The developer's plans appear to show the gantry standing over 110m high. Additionally a new access road will run near to the north side of the common with all the attendant noise and vehicle fumes related to this. There is even a loss of part of the common in the form of the Burbage Common Extension.

2. There is a substantial loss of local footpaths and bridleways – one (V29/7) being rerouted between proposed Rail Freight Terminal and M69 – that will not be a very enjoyable place to walk when previously it took a route through an agricultural landscape. The relocation seems to lack logic, as there is already another bridleway (V29/4) on the other side of the same section of motorway (presumably rerouted when the motorway was built). It's already noisy walking on that one and with more traffic on the motorway it will become worse.

3. Burbage Common and Woods is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. What will affect the human population will have a far greater effect on the wildlife. They can't 'go home'. What I have read about the plans to replace the lost of habitat seems woefully inadequate and doesn't take into account the effect on the areas surrounding the Rail freight Terminal. I would also like to say that it is especially difficult to access the documents on the website as documents about the same subject e.g. the maps showing the effect on local footpaths do not appear together. Additionally, the key is not show on all maps making them difficult interpret individually and often Burbage Common is not clearly marked as if the developers wish to downplay the closeness.

I would ask you to consider this development carefully. It will make the lives of most of the local residents poorer and I personally wonder how much freight will arrive by rail and even doubt the idea of transporting goods to the centre of the country only to then drive them large distances by road.