

Summary Of An Exploration of Deficiencies Within the Proposer's Environmental Statement On Noise and Vibration

I have submitted a written representation to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the examination of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) application made by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited. My representation contains an exploration of deficiencies within the proposer's Chapter 10 on Noise and Vibration.

My representation contains sections with the following titles:

- Catastrophic Foundational Failure
- Lack of Any Rating Penalty to Projected Specific Sound
- Improper Application of Impulsive and Tonal Penalties to Projected Specific Sound
- Wrongful Expunging of Saturday Night-time Sound Measurements
- Highly Misleading Reference to Relevance of Absolute Sound Levels (Context Section)
- Use and Misuse of Context
- Demonstrable Overstatement of Current Freight Train Passes
- Construction and Construction 'Mitigation'
- Assessment of Operational Maximum Noise Levels
- Window Attenuation
- Burbage Common & Woods
- Lack of Attenuation Corrections at Burbage Common & Woods
- Related Mischaracterisation and Consequences of Decisions Involving Burbage Common & Woods
- Fundamental Incompatibility Between the Proposer's Measured Facts and the Proposer's Modelled Road Noise
- Lack of Cumulative Impact Assessment
- The Black Box & Conclusion

The explored failures, transgressions and shortcomings occur throughout the report and include many of its most fundamental aspects: its approach, its stated current values, its predicted values, its analysis and its conclusions. The consequences for the report are grave and core chunks are rendered worthless. I made the proposer aware of some of these failings during the PEIR consultation, yet the proposer has persisted and has chosen to submit them in its subsequent application to the Planning Inspectorate.

There should have been almost nothing in the report to comment on. Instead, even I, a member of the public with no relevant qualifications or previous experience, have managed to uncover a veritable buffet of failure and wrongful behaviour. I shouldn't have been able to do this and I shouldn't have had to do it. The failures and wrongful behaviour all go in one direction: to the benefit of the proposer. I don't think the proposer's Chapter 10 on Noise and Vibration can confidently be seen as an authoritative, reliable, independent assessment by anyone other than the proposer.