

I oppose the development of the HNRFI by Tritax Symmetry. There is a lack of detail or clarity on a number of issues. Traffic: There is a lack of information about the increase in traffic because of the new development. Where's the data? Estimates? I would like to understand what mitigations are planned to prevent future major hold ups when there is an accident or problem on the A5, M69, M1, M6. There are already frequent problems when the network grinds to a halt. Slow moving traffic diverts onto the local roads, snaking along Rugby Road, Lutterworth Road, Sapcote Road and many of the smaller village roads through Burbage, namely Coventry Road, Windsor Street, causing further traffic disruption for people who live in the area. The new development will bring a huge increase in traffic and the proposed link road from the new M69 junction to the A47 will be insufficient. It will merely move the problem into that area around Barwell and Elmsthorpe. I also see problems arising if traffic has to divert off the A5 south of Hinckley, taking a short cut along the B4114 to Sharnford and onto Aston Lane, then onto Sapcote Road the B4669 to access the HNRFI.

Traffic Pollution: I am a resident on Sapcote Road and I can see these traffic problems are likely to severely affect the quality of my day- to-day life. It is already a busy road at peak times and I fear this will only get worse with the new development, especially during the construction phase with heavy vehicles likely to use the road to access the building site of the new M69 junctions and later the Freight Interchange site. As a result the increase in associated traffic will bring further noise and pollution levels. What are the estimated pollution levels? What mitigations are in place to lessen pollution in this specific area? Will this area be designated an ULEZ (Low Emission Zone) as in London? Will there be weight restrictions on HGVs entering the village roads?

Adverse effects of the Noise and Light pollution:

The proposed HNRFI site is very close to residential areas in Elmsthorpe, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote and Burbage. It is stated that there will be some night-time construction at the site, the new M69 Junction and for the new link road with potential for night time lighting. Noise from construction machinery and light will travel further than 1 km and will adversely impact people's sleep patterns and potentially the mental health of many local residents. Noise and light will also harm the wild-life in the nearby woods and countryside.

Please justify why we need another Rail Freight Terminal and more warehousing

Is there really a need for another Rail Hub? There would be 4 rail hubs within 45 miles as well as the massive Magna Park warehousing within a few miles. How can such vast complexes be justified, especially being so close together?

Like others, I am very sceptical about this site being a railway interchange or is it merely a guise for building more warehouses? Is it likely that within a few years this terminal will end up being road-served because it's cheaper, convenient and more flexible, completely negating any green advantages?

To date I am not impressed by the lack of clear information that has been given by Tritax Symmetry. Is it a ploy to deliberately confuse? Local people need clarity and transparency in the information being presented and in a way that is understandable to a lay person.