

Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited

## **HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE**

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### **The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order**

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### **SoCG between the Applicant and Leicestershire County Council**

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**PROPOSED HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE  
OFF M69 JUNCTION 2, LEICESTERSHIRE**

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**Statement of Common Ground between  
Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited and Leicestershire County Council**

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## 1. MATTERS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT

### 1.1 Planning

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#### Matters not agreed – Principle of Development

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	<p>The County Council has no objection to the principle of SRFIs, accepts the need for a SRFI to be located in south Leicestershire. However, based on the information submitted to date (13 October 2023) the HNRFI site in Blaby District cannot be endorsed as an appropriate location given the issues raised by the County Council, including in its role as the Local Highway Authority.</p> <p>Given the significant concerns, which remain unresolved, particularly in relation to highways and transport matters, the Council objects to the HNRFI proposal as submitted by Tritax Symmetry to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2023 and considers the Examining Authority should recommend refusal to the SoS.</p>	

**Matters agreed – Alternative Sites**

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	Chapter 4 of the submitted Environmental Statement (document reference 6.1.4) outlines the alternative locations studied and has provided indication by the Applicant as to the reasons for the selection of HNRFI.	Agreed through this SoCG.

**Matters not agreed – Alternative Sites**

Ref.	Matters not agreed	
1.	Whether the Applicant has set out the alternative considerations in the evolution of the design of HNRFI on the main HNRFI site by reference to the issues identified at paragraph 4.133 of chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement (document reference 6.1.4).	
2.	The County Council in its role as the Local Highway Authority has concerns regarding the design of the access and egress to the site, the access road and proposed bridge, having regard to the 'Criteria for 'good design' for national network infrastructure' in the NPS (4.28 to 4.35).	

**Matters agreed – Need HNRFI**

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	The need for a SRFI has been established within the joint authority evidence base ' <i>Warehousing and Logistics at Leicester and Leicestershire: managing growth and change</i> ' (April 2021, amended March 2022)	Agreed through this SoCG.
2.	That the Study above identifies a short fall of 718,875 sqm of rail served sites which should be planned for the period to 2041 – and that a supply shortfall for rail served	Agreed through this SoCG.

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	sites 'starts to emerge around the mid 2020s' (Leicester and Leicestershire Authorities' <i>'Statement of Common Ground relating to Strategic Warehousing and Logistics Needs'</i> (September 2021 paragraphs 3.4-3.5).	
3.	It is agreed that the identified business market for HNRFI is not fully served by existing and committed SFRIs within Leicester and Leicestershire as established in joint evidence report <i>'Warehousing and Logistics in Leicester and Leicestershire: managing growth and change'</i> (April 2021, amended March 2022).	Agreed through this SoCG.
4.	Both the <i>'Warehousing and Logistics at Leicester and Leicestershire: managing growth and change'</i> (April 2021 amended March 2022) jointly commissioned by the local authorities in Leicestershire and the <i>'Market Needs Assessment'</i> commissioned by the Applicant identify a need for rail serviced logistics sites but the differing methodologies give different results. It is agreed that there is a need for rail served logistics sites and in principle HNRFI would meet this rail-related need.	Agreed through this SoCG.
5.	That the <i>'Warehousing and Logistics at Leicester and Leicestershire: managing growth and change'</i> (April 2021, amended March 2022) will form part of the evidence base for Leicester and Leicestershire planning authorities in the preparation of the reviews of their development plan in meeting future development needs.	Agreed through this SoCG.
6.	The Applicant has undertaken a <i>'Market Needs Assessment'</i> (Document 16.1) which has demonstrated HNRFI is located near to the business market it will serve and is linked to key supply chain routes.	Agreed through this SoCG.

**Matters not agreed – Need HNRFI**

Ref.	Matters not agreed	Any actions arising
1.	The Applicant considers that the provisions of the development plan have	

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	been given appropriate consideration with preparation of the proposals for HNRFI.	
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**Matters agreed – Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges**

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	That HNRFI will be developed in a form that can accommodate both rail and non-rail activities. (NPS NN paragraph 4.83)	Agreed through this SoCG.
2.	It is agreed that HNRFI acknowledges the criteria set out in the NPS (paragraphs 4.28 to 4.35) which constitutes 'good design'	Agreed through this SoCG.
3.	Requirement 10 Rail which supports the construction and occupation of up to 105,000 sqm of logistics floorspace is reasonable and proportionate prior to the Rail Port (Phase 1) becoming operational as set out within the submitted Planning Statement (Document reference: 7.1).	Agreed through this SoCG.

**Matters not agreed – Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges**

Ref.	Matters not agreed	Any actions arising
1.	There is disagreement between the parties whether the proposal for HNRFI satisfy the guidance for good design in the NPS (paragraphs 4.28-4.35) with particular reference to the alleged impact of HNRFI on the surrounding landscape.	
2.	The recent Government announcement regarding the curtailing of High Speed 2 (HS2) at Birmingham and the introduction of Network North give rise to questions as to whether there will be sufficient capacity on the network to serve additional strategic rail freight as the NPSNN envisages (para 1.7): <i>This NPS sets out the Government's policy for development of the road and rail networks and strategic rail freight interchanges, taking into account the capacity and connectivity that will be</i>	

	<p><i>delivered through HS2.</i></p> <p>Furthermore, the new proposals for the East Midlands include increased rail capacity by increasing the number of trains between Birmingham and Leicester from two to four per hour (which will itself increase the amount that Narborough crossing is closed).</p> <p>Furthermore, the new proposals for the East Midlands include increased rail capacity by increasing the number of trains between Birmingham and Leicester from two to four per hour (which will itself increase the amount that Narborough crossing is closed).</p>	
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### Matters agreed – Other matters arising from the policy provision of the development plan

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	<p>i. <b>That the development plan comprises:</b> Leicestershire Minerals &amp; Waste Local Plan 2019</p> <p>ii. <b>District/Borough Wide Development Plans</b> Blaby District Local Plan Core Strategy 2013 Blaby Local Plan Delivery DPD 2019 Hinckley and Bosworth Core Strategy DPD 2009 Hinckley and Bosworth Site Allocations and Development Management Policies 2016</p> <p>iii. <b>Neighbourhood Plans</b> Fosse Villages' Neighbourhood Plan</p>	Agreed through this SoCG.
2.	<p>Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP)</p> <p>It is agreed that the development of HNRFI does not offend any of the policy provisions within the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.</p>	Agreed through this SoCG.
3.	It is agreed that HNRFI does not adversely impact on the safeguarding of mineral	Agreed through this SoCG.



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### Matters not agreed – Other matters arising from the policy provision of the development plan

Ref.	Matters not agreed	Any actions rising
1.	Although it is accepted that the NPS is the primary basis for making decisions on development consent applications for national networks, nationally significant infrastructure projects, LCC consider 'greater weight' must be given to the policies and proposals in the relevant development plan documents.	
2.	<p>The development of HNRFI could adversely impact on committed or consented operations for minerals extraction or waste management.</p> <p>To protect the aims, objectives and strategy of the Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (September 2019) and the planning permission granted for a lateral extension to the mineral workings at Croft Quarry in early 2022 the ability for Croft Quarry to remain rail served with four trains in and out of the quarry in a 24 hour period is sought.</p>	

### Matters agreed – Draft Policy Statement National Networks

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	That the Draft NPS is an important and relevant consideration to the decision taking on HNFRI, and represents the current thinking of the Government on the policy provision for national networks.	Agreed through this SoCG.
2.	That the Draft NPS maintains a consistency of policy approach towards the provision of new national networks including SRFIs.	Agreed through this SoCG.
3.	That in meeting the Government's ambitions for rail freight growth there remains a	Agreed through this SoCG.

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	continuing need for appropriately located SRFIs across all regions to enable further unlocking of the benefits. (Draft NPS paragraph 3.103)	
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**Matters not agreed – Draft Policy Statement National Networks**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Matters not agreed</b>	<b>Any actions arising</b>
	N/A	

## 1.2 Waste

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01	19.05.23	TSH
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03	14.07.23	TSH
04	13.08.23	LCC

### Matters agreed

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	ES Chapter 17 has been prepared in accordance with the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN).	Agreed through this SoCG
3.	ES Chapter 17 has been prepared in accordance with the Waste Management Plan for England, inclusive of the principles of the 'Waste Hierarchy'.	Agreed through this SoCG
5.	ES Chapter 17 agrees with the ambitions to reuse most demolition materials from existing buildings and barns within the development. Off-site removal to landfill is to be minimised, with the exception of any contaminants (e.g. asbestos). This is included as an aim within a Site Waste Management Plan/Materials Management Plan.	Agreed through this SoCG
6.	ES Chapter 17 agrees Locally sourced materials should be used where appropriate/possible in order to reduce travel miles/CO2 footprint for construction. This aim can be included within a Materials Management Plan. The also generates potential localised economic benefits.	Agreed through this SoCG
7.	ES Chapter 17 provides a sufficient assessment of the nature and quantity of materials and natural resources has been provided, to the extent that such information is available, by applying knowledge of similar developments and the Rochdale envelope approach to uncertainty.	Agreed through this SoCG

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8.	ES Chapter 17 considers the baseline and future baseline waste disposal capacity.	Agreed through this SoCG
9	The Spatial scope of the assessment is considered within keeping with best practice, proportionate and acceptable.	Agreed through this SoCG
10.	The proposed Site Waste and Materials Management Plan (SWMMP) is sufficient to provide a framework for lead contractors and compliant with National and Local objectives. Implementation of the SWMMP would ensure that material reuse is maximised by minimising waste at source (reducing the requirement for new construction materials) and during construction. It is agreed that it would be regularly updated during the lifetime of HNRFI.	Agreed through this SoCG
11.	Excavated material classified as waste and this will be managed in accordance with the Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practise (CL:AIRE, 2011).	Agreed through this SoCG
12.	The Main HNRFI Site benefits from a range of waste facilities in close proximity to the Main HNRFI Site. With the adherence of the Material Management Plan and the associated reuse of material the quantity of waste would not have a significant impact on the capacity of the landfill sites in the region with the impact assessed as slightly adverse.	Agreed through this SoCG
13.	Waste generated during operation by HNRFI which cannot be reused will be disposed of offsite by licensed contractors. A recycling rate of 65% is targeted.	Agreed through this SoCG
14.	The overarching principles of the Site Waste and Materials Management Plan submitted with the DCO application are agreed (document reference: 17.3)	Agreed through this SoCG
15.	<b>Requirement 23</b> Prior to the commencement of construction work on each phase of the authorised development a detailed site waste and materials arrangement plan for that phase in accordance with the principles set out in the site waste and materials management plan must be submitted to and approved by the	Agreed through this SoCG

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	relevant planning authority.	
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**Matters not agreed**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Matters not agreed</b>	<b>Any actions rising</b>
	N/A	

### 1.3 Highways

#### Traffic and Transport

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#### Traffic and Transport - Matters agreed

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	The Transport Assessment and ES Chapter 8 have been prepared in accordance with the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN).	Agreed through this SoCG
2.	Development Trip distribution as produced by AECOM (TN1) APP	Agreement from LCC original AECOM distribution received 11.03.2021
5.	PRTM 2.2 Forecast Modelling Brief- inclusive of assessment years and scenarios	Agreement from LCC received 17.02.22. However, the Applicant has not followed the agreed brief. Further clarification is also sought on trip generation and the inclusion of a lorry park.
6.	PRTM 2.2 Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Transport Modelling: Base year Model Review and Refinements, Report v4.0 dated 11.02.2022.	Agreement from LCC received 01.03.22
8.	Base VISSIM modelling Audit Response J1M69	Agreement from LCC received 23.03.21

#### Matters not agreed - Traffic and Transport

Ref.	Matters not agreed	Rating
1	Trip generation (including HGV to rail movements)	

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<b>2</b>	Uncertainty Log V8 dated 02.02.2022	
<b>3</b>	Assessment of Narborough Level Crossing including VISSIM modelling	
<b>4</b>	Base VISSIM modelling M6 J2	
<b>5</b>	Furnessing methodology	
<b>6</b>	VISSIM modelling of Longshoot/Dodwells	
<b>7</b>	VISSIM modelling of M1 J21/M69 J3	
<b>8</b>	VISSIM modelling of Gibbet roundabout	
<b>9</b>	On going maintenance responsibilities in respect of access and mitigation infrastructure	
<b>10</b>	Off-Site Mitigation strategy and package, including base line traffic surveys, no phased development testing, no strategic modelling of mitigation package, proposals for all junctions	
<b>11</b>	Output from PRTM 2.2 Model inc. sensitivity testing of a fully dualled link road, modelling of an unconstrained scenario at M1 J21/M69 J3, sensitivity test for Padge Hall Farm, no account of cross movements on link road, questions in respect of trip generation	
<b>12</b>	Off-site junction modelling including methodology, and impact on villages	
<b>13</b>	Access infrastructure for all users; structural integrity of existing M69 J2 bridges	
<b>14</b>	Forecast VISSIM modelling J1 and J2 M69	
<b>15</b>	Site Wide Framework Travel Plan	
<b>16</b>	Final HGV Routing Strategy including ANPR	
<b>17</b>	Sustainable Transport Strategy	
<b>18</b>	Construction Traffic Management Plan including access arrangements, impacts and routeing	
<b>19</b>	Road Safety Audits Stage 1 with Designer's Responses (yet to be submitted) including up to date PIC data	
<b>20</b>	S106 Transport related	
<b>21</b>	DCO	

**PROW**

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**PROW - Matters not agreed**

Ref.	Matter agreed	Rating
1.	PRoW proposals are deliverable	
2.	PRoW proposals can be designed fully in accordance with LCC adopted standards	
3.	Details of A47 underpass	
4.	Details of PRoW connections to link road footway provision	
5.	Stopping up of duplicated bridleway V35/1	
6.	Ownership, maintenance and risk assessment of Thorney Fields Farm bridge	
7.	RSA of B581 Elmesthorpe railway bridge footway provision	
8.	Details of private access to Bridge Farm	
9.	Details of Outwoods footbridge and its future maintenance	



## 1.4 Climate

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### Matters agreed

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	ES Chapter 18 Energy and Climate Change (Document Reference 6.1.18) has been prepared in accordance with the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN). The proposal supports the DfT's NPS for National Networks by providing sustainable development through the reduction of transport-based GHG emissions by encouraging a modal shift of freight from road to rail. Furthermore, this modal shift will help to reduce traffic congestion and contribute towards improving air quality in the wider East Midlands region.	Agreed through this SoCG
2.	ES Chapter 18 Energy and Climate Change (Document Reference 6.1.18) has been prepared in accordance with the National Planning Policy Statement (NPPS) (2021) by mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy (paragraph 7). The development has been designed in ways to a) avoid increased vulnerability to the range of impacts arising from climate change and b) help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (paragraph 154). To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat, the development: a) provides a positive strategy for energy from these sources, that maximises the potential for suitable development, while ensuring that adverse impacts are addressed satisfactorily (including cumulative landscape and visual	Agreed through this SoCG

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	impacts); b) considers suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources, and c) identifies opportunities to draw its energy supply from renewable or low carbon energy supply systems (paragraph 155).	
3.	<p>The assessment methodology has been accepted comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Study of the baseline characteristics using both survey data and third party information;</li> <li>• An Assessment of the resilience to likely climatic changes;</li> <li>• An Assessment of the likely effects on climatic change;</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations to mitigate likely significant effects</p>	Agreed through the Scoping Opinion, additional consultation and this SoCG.
4.	<p>The assessment is sufficient to estimate the effects on GHG emissions sources, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicular emissions during the construction stage;</li> <li>• Embodied carbon in construction materials;</li> <li>• Vehicular emissions during the operational stage; and</li> </ul> <p>Energy demand during the operational stage.</p>	Agreed through this SoCG
5.	<p>Although the Proposed Development is not an Energy NSIP, the provision of provision of roof-mounted photovoltaic arrays with a generation capacity of up to 42.4 megawatts peak (MWp) providing direct electricity supply to the building or exporting power to battery storage, and also incorporating provision of an energy centre, HNRFI supports the Draft National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure 2021 (NPS EN-1 – draft)</p>	Agreed through this SoCG
6.	<p>ES Chapter 18 Energy and Climate Change (Document Reference 6.1.18) acknowledges and supports Leicestershire County Councils own commitments to acknowledging a climate emergency. TSH are committed to the principles of the 'Leicestershire climate and nature pact'.</p>	Agreed through this SoCG
7.	<p>Prior to their implementation, the energy efficiency and sustainability measures will be</p>	Agreed through this SoCG

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	assessed for to determine their applicability to the detailed design. This will be considered in the early detailed design stages and written into the building specifications.	
8.	The materials demand of the development will be addressed by maximising the use of reclaimed and recycled materials where practicable throughout the construction process. The demand upon the development for the provision of recycling and waste storage will be addressed in the early detailed design stages and when detailed discussions can be held with prospective operators regarding the specific operations of the proposed units. In addition, recycling and waste will be considered for the Construction Stage. Provision has been made in the scheme for the inclusion of recycling and waste storage / compaction within the identified service areas.	Agreed through this SoCG
9.	This commitment by TSH to deliver net-zero buildings should result in a significant reduction in embodied carbon sources during construction that are not are not anticipated to materially affect the ability of the UK to achieve its carbon reduction targets, and thus are not predicted to have a significant effect on the global climate. Opportunities for further reduction during operation will be encouraged and captured through the incorporation of carbon targets within the procurement process.	Agreed through this SoCG
10.	A Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (document reference 17.6) will minimise and mitigate the environmental impacts of construction activities, including the reduction of GHG emissions.	Agreed through this SoCG
11.	The Framework CEMP includes best practice mitigation measures to reduce emissions during construction, including from construction plant, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training employees in how to handle machinery to reduce GHGs;</li> <li>• Switching off machinery and vehicles when not in use;</li> <li>• Regular maintenance of machinery to ensure they work efficiently;</li> </ul>	Agreed through this SoCG

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using electric or alternative low/zero carbon emission machinery where possible;</li> <li>• Reducing water consumption where possible; and</li> </ul> <p>Using efficient vehicles and machinery where possible.</p>	
12.	During the demolition of on-site structures, the re-use, recycling and reduction of construction waste will be promoted to reduce HNRFI's overall carbon footprint by reducing the need to extract raw materials.	Agreed through this SoCG
13.	Embedded emissions of HNRFI will be calculated at each stage of design as it develops to ensure that it is meeting its project specific targets and legal requirements including Building Regulations Part L and to seek to achieve a BREEAM 'Very Good' rating. This will consider both operational CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions affected by design and embodied carbon. HNRFI will source building materials from sustainable and, where possible, local sources whilst restricting materials which cause environmental harm. Ultimately, this strategy will reduce the overall carbon footprint and lead to a potential reduction in GHG emissions associated with HNRFI over its lifetime.	Agreed through this SoCG
14.	The increase in electrical vehicles throughout the lifespan of HNRFI will result in a decrease of direct emissions, though it will in turn increase the demand on the national grid where indirect emissions may result depending on the energy source.	Agreed through this SoCG
15.	HNRFI proposes a suite of transport and access improvements which will help reduce GHG emissions associated with the transport of employees to and from the Main HNRFI Site during the operational phase.	Agreed through this SoCG
16.	The impacts of climate change on HNRFI during the construction stage would be managed through the outline CEMP, which would contain detailed procedures to mitigate any potential impacts associated with extreme weather events, as listed in Appendix 18.6 (document reference 6.2.18.6). This will compliment best practice	Agreed through this SoCG

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	mitigation measures employed in the construction industry. The lead contractor will ensure appropriate measures within this outline CEMP are implemented and, as appropriate, additional measures to ensure the resilience of the proposed mitigation of impacts during extreme weather events.	
17.	The lead contractor’s Environmental Management System will consider all measures deemed necessary and appropriate to manage extreme weather events and should specifically cover training of personnel and prevention and monitoring arrangements.	Agreed through this SoCG
18.	During operational circumstances, adaptation and resilience to climate and weather-related risks would be considered periodically through maintenance regimes. A schedule of general inspections and principal inspections of each structure should be carried out to determine condition of the structure and identify any potential maintenance requirements.	Agreed through this SoCG
19.	Requirement 17 Electricity Generation Cap	Agreed through this SoCG
20.	Requirement 18 Energy Strategy	Agreed through this SoCG

**Matters not agreed**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Matters not agreed</b>	<b>Any actions rising</b>
	<b>None</b>	

## 1.5 Air Quality

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### Matters agreed

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	The air quality impacts would not adversely impact on the considerations set out at NPS paragraph 5.13.	Agreed through this SoCG, apart from Reference 2 in Matters not Agreed. Unable to agree this due to a lack of clarity around increase in traffic and corresponding mitigations
2.	Methodology applied to the assessment including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Construction phase dust assessment utilising Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) guidance; and</li> </ul> Construction and Operational phase road traffic impact assessment utilising IAQM and Environmental Protection UK (EPUK) guidance to determine the significance of impacts at human receptor locations and Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) guidance to determine the requirement to consider ecological designations.	Agreed through this SoCG. Not in a position to judge whether assessments used were suitable or comprehensive.
3.	Incorporation of mitigation measures within the HNRFI to minimise the impact of the HNRFI on local air quality, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging provision;</li> <li>- Provision of bus stop;</li> <li>- Use of Photovoltaic (PV) array as primary energy source;</li> </ul>	Agreed through this SoCG, apart from Reference 2 in Matters not Agreed. Agree that the mitigation measures are proposed. Unable to confirm that they are either appropriate or sufficient.

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	- Site Wide Travel Plan to promote active and low emissions transport uptake to the HNRFI.	
4.	Paragraphs 1.77 to 1.79 under the heading Dust and Air Quality of the CEMP are agreed.	Agreed through this SoCG. Statements are non-committal – “as far as reasonably practical”, Mitigation “implemented where applicable”, “Examples...not all ...will be necessary or feasible”
5.	Assessment of back-up Combined Heat and Power (CHP) unit emissions on local air quality.	Agreed through this SoCG. Not in a position to judge assessment made
6.	Requirement 29 Combined Heat and Power is agreed.	Agreed through this SoCG Not in a position to judge

**Matters not agreed**

Ref.	Matters not agreed	Any actions arising
1.	What about more vulnerable groups- there is no safe limit of pollution	The assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the latest national planning policy, local planning policy and national and local guidance and is assessed against the current air quality objectives for England. The existing human sensitive receptor locations considered in the assessment were based on their relative proximity to road links within the operational phase road traffic emissions assessment study area. Where possible the closest receptors to those road links and junctions were considered, as these receptors are likely to experience the greatest

		<p>change in pollutant concentrations as a result of the operation of the Proposed Development. The receptors were located on the facades of the properties closest to the road source. Sensitive human receptors included in the modelling assessment included residential dwellings and more vulnerable locations such as healthcare and educational facilities, where appropriate. The overall effect of the HNRFI on air quality is considered to be negligible and not significant. Furthermore, implementation of mitigation measures such as the Sustainable Transport Strategy and Travel Plan will aim to reduce emissions associated with the HNRFI and encourages the use of sustainable methods of transport. Any reduction in emissions will be beneficial to sensitive receptors.</p> <p>Agree with the assessment, but would expect to see further consideration of vulnerable groups in HIA.</p>
2	<p>What bus routes will serve, are the times and intervals useful to the users?</p>	<p>Details on the proposed bus strategy are detailed in Chapter 8: Transport and Traffic of the ES, paragraphs 8.308 – 8.314 and summarised below:</p> <p>“Current proposals for HNRFI are to improve bus accessibility to the HNRFI Site from both Leicester</p>



		<p>and Coventry by enhancing the X6 services. This is with the aim to provide a more regular (hourly) service which coincides with major shift changes on site (6am/2pm/10pm). The coverage of Coventry and Leicester will help improve accessibility from those areas where employees are most likely to be drawn. This will be subject to agreement with the operators and TSH.</p> <p>Vectare, a new public transport and technology provider, are also running on-demand bus services in the South Leicester area after successful implementation at Lubbethorpe. These types of services will form part of the HNFRI bus strategy as they are demand responsive and adaptable to the needs of potential employees that do not live on direct routes to the HNFRI Site. This is proposed to cover rural areas around the site as well as connections to Hinckley Rail Station. Vectare would consider fixed routes as demand rises with the increased employee numbers at the HNFRI Site.</p> <p>Local services are also available from Hinckley and through to Nuneaton. These include higher frequency services 158 and</p>
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		<p>48 which pass close to the site from the A47. Diversion is unlikely into the HNRFI site for these routes, due to an established timetable and customer base. However, extension of the service by 1-2 hours either side of the day could help improve accessibility for shift workers. Again, this is subject to further discussion and agreement with operators and the applicant".</p> <p>Inadequate – see transport SoCG</p>
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## 1.6 Drainage

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### Matters agreed

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	The Flood Risk Assessment has been prepared in accordance with the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN)	Agreed through this SoCG
2.	The submitted surface water and flood risk ES Chapter 14 includes an agreed methodology and approach to assessment of surface water and flood risk, including the effects of climate change.	Agreed through this SoCG
3.	The proposed scheme is at an acceptable level of surface water flood risk and, subject to the implementation of the surface water flood risk management principles outlined in the Flood Risk Assessment, and the flood risk management principles agreed with the Environment Agency, the proposed scheme will seek to appropriately mitigate flood risk within Leicestershire in line with best practice guidance.	Agreed through this SoCG
4.	The surface water drainage strategy shall be implemented in accordance with the principles outlined in the concept drainage plans ES Figure 14.4 (document reference 6.3.14.4), ES Figure 14.6 (document reference 6.3.14.6) and ES Figure 14.7 (document reference 6.3.14.7), and in accordance with Requirement 13 and 14 of the Draft DCO (document reference 3.1).	Agreed through this SoCG
5.	Matters contained in the CEMP (document reference 17.1) in relation to water	Agreed through this SoCG

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	resources and flood risk (paragraphs 1.94 – 1.109) are considered appropriate to address the construction phase of the Proposed Development.	
6.	In accordance with requirement 7 of the draft DCO, phase specific CEMPs to be prepared prior to the construction of each development phase. This will include details of any necessary temporary (or otherwise) flood risk and surface water quantity and quality management measures. The performance of implemented measures should be monitored and changes made where appropriate in order to maintain water quality and adequately mitigate flood risk during the construction period.	Agreed through this SoCG
7.	The Lead Local Flood Authority are comfortable with the content of the draft DCO relating to flood risk and water environment. This includes approval of Part 6(47) of the draft DCO which sets out disapplication, application and modification of legislative provisions in relation to Ordinary Watercourses.	Agreed through this SoCG

**Matters not agreed**

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Matters not agreed</b>	<b>Any actions rising</b>
	N/A	

## 1.7 Health

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01		TSH
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### Matters agreed

Ref.	Matter agreed	Record of agreement
1.	As agreed during the formal Scoping Process with the Planning Inspectorate, the approach to considering the health and wellbeing of communities, was to focus on environmental socio, cultural and economic precursors protective of the environment and health.	Agreed
2.	Appendix 7.1 Health and Equality Briefing Note (document reference 6.2.7.1) was prepared to aid signposting as to how and where health was addressed and assessed in the DCO ES.	Agreed
3.	<p>A supplementary statement on equality was prepared in Appendix 7.2 to respond to the PINS s51 Advice letter and more clearly demonstrates the effects of the Proposed Development on those persons with protected characteristics as defined under the Equality Act 2010 (as amended).</p> <p>A Rule 17 response was received from the Planning Inspectorate regarding preferred terminology, and the revised Equality Statement is being resubmitted. There is no change to the assessment or conclusion.</p>	Agreed
4.	Potential impacts on local water supply, foul water, surface water, flood risk and EMF are addressed through planning and the	Agreed

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	regulatory planning process to preclude any risk or impact to health. These items can be deferred to the pertinent technical disciplines, and does not need to be addressed through a health topic at the Issue Specific Hearing	
5.	<p>Potential changes in local air quality during both construction and operation remain within air quality objective thresholds set specifically to be protective of health for vulnerable members of the population, and the absolute change in concentration and exposure remains orders of magnitude lower than is required to quantify any measurable adverse health outcome.</p> <p>As such, this item can be retained under the air quality technical disciplines, and does not need to be addressed through a health topic at the Issue Specific Hearing.</p> <p>Iceni and BDC has requested further clarification on this point in the form of high level Quantitative Exposure Response Assessment. The Applicant’s position is that this request is excessive given the negligible effect of the proposal on air quality. The Applicant will prepare a separate technical note clarifying its position at the ExA’s request.</p>	Agreed
6.	As detailed in the ES and noted in the Health and Equality Briefing Note, following the implementation of mitigation, the change in noise levels are below what is considered perceptible during the day and night time periods; as a result, design and mitigation precludes any significant health impact. The item can be deferred to the acoustic noise and vibration technical discipline, and does not need to be addressed through a health topic at the Issue Specific Hearing.	Partial Agreement (parked until the noise technical specialists are in agreement, but the Applicant’s position remains that the technical discipline is there to manage unwanted sound, preclude health impacts and won’t need a separate health topic at the Issue Specific Hearing).
7.	Changes in visual impact are not of an order to result in any measurable adverse health outcome. The more subjective potential effect of visual impact is adequately	Agreed

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	<p>addressed within the Visual Impact technical discipline to recognised methods and an agreed scope.</p> <p>The item can be deferred to the Visual Impact technical discipline, and does not need to be addressed through a health topic at the Issue Specific Hearing.</p>	
8.	<p>Income and employment are key determinants of health, which are addressed through the socio-economic Technical Discipline.</p> <p>The item can be deferred to the socio-economic Impact technical discipline, and does not need to be addressed through any additional considerations of health at Issue Specific Hearing.</p>	Agreed
9.	<p>Potential changes in Public Rights of Way and Green Space are addressed, assessed and mitigated within the ES, to preclude any significant adverse health outcome, manage disruption and provide alternative provision. While residual impacts at the individual level may exist, they are not of a level to quantify any change in health outcome.</p> <p>The item can be deferred to the technical discipline, and does not need to be addressed through a health topic at Issue Specific Hearing.</p>	Partial Agreement (Parked, and anticipated that this can be addressed through the technical discipline that precludes health outcome, as there is no measurable risk)
10.	<p>The health baseline applied in the Health Briefing Note was to provide further context and awareness of local circumstance priority and need. It complements the appropriate topic specific baselines contained in the ES, whose geographical scopes were agreed during scoping and vary by topic, depending on the nature of varying focus, scope, distribution characteristics and effect.</p> <p>The Public Health Team have reviewed the contextual health baseline in the Health and Equality Briefing Note, and while minor</p>	Agreed

	<p>discrepancies exist due to the granularity of data applied (ward, Super Output Area etc) and temporal periods, these are not material. This contextual information, which complements the topic specific baseline data, has no impact on the assessment conclusions or assessment of significance.</p> <p>While further clarification on the geographic scope for each technical discipline within the ES has been requested to rationalise the contextual baseline in the Health and Equality Briefing Note, this has no bearing on the ES, and does not require a health topic discussion at the Issue Specific Hearing.</p>	
11.	<p>Mental health has been raised as a residual concern, however, none of the environmental changes are sufficient to cause any manifest mental health outcome. It is unclear if Iceni are referring to general stress and anxiety from the imposition of change, or risk perception. The potential for perception to cause anxiety can only be addressed through the factual investigation and dissemination of robust information, as contained in the ES.</p>	<p>Parked</p> <p>I am still not clear what you mean by mental health, and from what? Please can you explain what gap you have or countervailing evidence of a significant mental health impact.</p>

### Matters not agreed

Ref.	Matters not agreed	Any actions arising
12.	<p>Concern has been raised regarding a potential breach of the Equality Act.</p> <p>Comments so far centre on the potential failure to consider the traveling community in proximity to the site. However, they are categorically identified in each of the pertinent technical disciplines as sensitive receptors. It was deemed unnecessary and undesirable to repeat every technical discipline receptor methodology and sensitivity rating in the Health and Equality Briefing Note.</p>	<p>It is hoped that this clarification text is sufficient to remove this as a disagreement.</p> <p>If not, the matter will proceed to the health topic Issue Specific Hearing.</p>



	<p>Concern has also been raised regarding discrimination against disabled individuals due to additional down time at Narborough level crossing. However, this does not discriminate against any protected characteristic as the barrier does not selectively open or close depending on age, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability etc. In other words all members of the population are equally affected by barrier down time.</p> <p>Furthermore, there is no significant disproportionate impact, where the Network Rail analysis of Narborough Station and crossing indicates the only possible time for additional intermodal freight trains would be for 2 trains between 4 – 7 pm. Each train would cause a maximum barrier downtime of 2.5mins. This is far less than a stopping passenger train coming from Leicester, which is 4-5 minutes.</p> <p>In each hour the total barrier down time would be approximately 20 minutes, with 40 minutes open which is well within Network Rail’s acceptable barrier down time at a level crossing. This does not constitute a significant impact to health, equality or constitute any significant impact on emergency services.</p> <p>The Equality Act is to prevent illegal discrimination, foster opportunity for improved equality, and relations between those with and without a protected characteristic.</p>	
13	<p>Concern has been raised regarding the absence of an equality baseline to establish the presence of individuals with a protected characteristic.</p> <p>As previously explained, it is not appropriate or needed to set a detailed baseline for age, gender reassignment, being married or in a civil partnership, being pregnant or on maternity leave, disability, race including colour, nationality, ethnic or</p>	<p>It is hoped that this clarification text is sufficient to remove this as a disagreement.</p> <p>If not, the matter will proceed to the health topic Issue Specific Hearing which we consider to be a waste of Examination time.</p>

	<p>national origin, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.</p> <p>To do so firstly runs the risk of discrimination, but it also sets a level of false accuracy, as the data will never fully capture all of the characteristics, or account for how some of these characteristics vary over stages of life and none will be static spatially.</p> <p>As an example, if there was a baseline that indicated the absence of all protected characteristics at that time, then any individual missed in that baseline, or moved in following it, would not be considered. Equally, depending on personal circumstance and stage of life, an individual could fall within and out of the definition of a protected characteristic.</p> <p>Asking for a baseline that will not be accurate, or to enter this into the public domain that might result in discrimination is therefore inappropriate and contrary to the Equality Act.</p> <p>The correct approach is to therefore consider the hazard in general, and then consider if it presents any discrimination or disproportionate risk to any and all of the protected characteristics (irrespective of if you know they are present or not).</p> <p>This way you don't need to know who lives in which house, it removes false accuracy, and you have a far broader and more precautionary means to test any discrimination or disproportionate risk from what is proposed.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>There remains a fundamental disagreement to the Planning Inspectorate's agreed approach and scope to the assessment of health, and that a voluntary, non-regulatory Health Impact Assessment would have been preferential. The Applicant's position remains that no evidence has been advanced to substantiate this point and that the health briefing note that it produced to help consolidate the relevant information was constructive, and a more than sufficient response to concerns raised during</p>	<p>Disagree</p> <p>Do you still want this one in there?</p>

	consultation.	
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**2. AGREEMENT ON THIS SOCG**

**This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly prepared and agreed by:**

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Position:**

**On behalf of:**

**Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited**

**Date:**

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Position:**

**On behalf of:**

**Leicestershire County Council**

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