

Position Statement from National Highways

Title:	Statement of Common Ground
Reference:	TR050007
Applicant	Tritax Symmetry
Proposal	Application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange
Author	National Highways (20040073)
Date	23 October 2023

Introduction:

National Highways (“we”) has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

This position statement sets out our position in regard to our assessment of the initial draft of the Statement of Common Ground which was provided by BWB Consulting Limited on the 6 October 2023, on behalf of the applicants Tritax Symmetry.

Based on our review, there are several outstanding matters and amendments which we consider need to be made to the document. In Annex A of this statement, we provide an amended version of the SoCG with our track changes identified.

Matters Agreed:

Based on our consideration of the matters agreed we concur with these except for matters 8 and 9 which we consider are no longer matters of agreement. The justification for this position is set out below.

Base VISSIM modelling Audit Response J1 and J2 M69

Whilst it is acknowledged that National Highways agreed this matter in September 2021, there have been changes and amendments to the strategic modelling based on the review of the furnishing methodology. The revision to the furnishing methodology may influence the Base VISSIM modelling Audit Response J1 and J2 M69. Therefore, we recommend that this matter is revised back to not being agreed until we are satisfied.

Furnishing Approach

It is noted that the SOCG states that we agree the furnishing approach. It is correct that National Highways did agree the furnishing approach on the September 2021. However, the furnishing approach and methodology has subsequently been revised and updated in September 2023 and provided in Appendix 8.1 of the Environmental Statement.

Our review of the updated methodology is evidenced in our written representation provided at deadline 1, dated 10th October 2023 and has highlighted a number of deficiencies in the proposed methodology. Therefore, we consider that this matter is no longer agreed.

Matters not Agreed:

National Highways concurs with the matters identified as not agreed, but notes the following matters need to be included and remain outstanding:

- Rugby Rural Area Methodology & Modelling Outputs.
- A5 The Longshoot and Dodwells VISSIM Modelling Methodology and Outputs.
- Impacts on the following elements which have implications for the SRN and land owned by National Highways:
 - Landscape
 - Biodiversity
 - Air Quality
 - Drainage
- Environmental Management Plans both during construction and operation.

- The draft Development Consent Order, including requirements and protective provisions.

Summary:

This response sets out National Highways position in relation to the initial draft of the SoCG between the applicants and ourselves. At present we have raised a number of amendments and additional matters. We also append a tracked copy of the draft SoCG in Annex A.

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ANNEX A:

*National Highways Comments on Statement of Common
Ground*

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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

October 2023

Planning Act 2008

TRITAX SYMMETRY (HINCKLEY) LIMITED

**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 National**

Highways

Matters Agreed

Matters Not Agreed

Traffic and Transport

Version Control

Version	Date	Issued by
01	09.10.2023	TSL

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1.1. Traffic and Transport

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1. MATTERS OF AGREEMENT AND DISAGREEMENT

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 National Highways Limited ("NH") original AECOM distribution received 12.03.21
3.	Development Traffic generation (Including Rail Freight to HGV Movements)	Agreement from NH received 27.10.21
4.	PRTM 2.2 Uncertainty Log V8, dated 02/02/2022	Agreement from NH received 05.05.22
5.	PRTM 2.2 Forecast Modelling Brief-inclusive of assessment years and scenarios	Agreement from NH received 03.12.21
6.	PRTM 2.2 Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Transport Modelling: Base year Model Review and Refinements,	Agreement from NH received 01.12.21
7.	Barrier downtime impacts at Narborough	Through base model sign-off as above.

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8.	Base VISSIM modelling Audit Response J1 and J2 M69	Agreement from NH received 14.09.21
9.	Furnessing approach	Agreement from NH received 03.09.21

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Commented [BS3]: Due to the revised furnessing methodology which was provided in Sept 23, which we still have matters for consideration we consider this is no longer agreed.

Matters not agreed.

Ref.	Matter not agreed	Rating
1.	Off-Site Mitigation strategy and package	
2.	Output from PRTM 2.2 Model inc Assignment to J21	
3.	Preliminary design of access infrastructure	
4.	Forecast VISSIM modelling J1 and J2 M69	
5.	Site Wide Framework Travel Plan	
6.	Final HGV Routing Strategy including ANPR	
7.	Sustainable Transport Strategy	
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20	The draft Development Consent Order, including requirements and protective provisions	

Commented [BS4]: Does this include the M69 Junction 2 enhancements in the form of the additional slips?

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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:

National Highways [Limited](#)

Date: