

I am [REDACTED] and have lived in Burbage for 55 years and am vehemently opposed to the development of a HNRFI. I speak for many people I know in Burbage and Hinckley, who are of my age-group.

I have attended a Public Consultation (poorly conducted by Tritax), received a Community circular leaflet from Tritax (concealed amongst junk mail), attended several of the open floor meetings, read several reports regarding progress. I have also written to the previous Secretary of State Mr Schapps as well as Mr Gove expressing my deep concern of the HNRFI and the detrimental, catastrophic impact it will have on the area, not only for all residents who live within its proximity but also wild-life and nature. I fear we are walking into an Ecological Disaster.

I have read many of the relevant representations online and listened to updates given, and it is clear to me that Tritax, in answer to queries by interested parties, are vague, lacking in specific detail and they present data that is outdated or not carried out correctly and are plainly dismissive of anybody who attempts to challenge them. Much data has been presented at the very last minute, even though they have had several years to work on it, giving interested parties little time to fully scrutinise the information. To me, this is a deliberate ploy by Tritax to get their plan passed through quickly and at the last minute.

Traffic problems have been endlessly discussed and modelling is still vague. Neither has the traffic data been agreed by Leicestershire County Council or National Highways. The impact of HGV lorries involved during the 8 year construction phase alone will create huge amounts of noise, pollution and disruption to the roads in Hinckley and the surrounding villages as well as on the M69, A5, A47 – this will bring misery to thousands of local people – both commuters and residents.

Green Spaces such as our beloved Burbage Common and Woods are peaceful and clean spaces for families to enjoy – children can run and play freely; walkers with/without dogs, bird watchers, nature lovers go to listen to and catch glimpses of the varied and wonderful wild-life. The proposed site is right next to Burbage Woods and Common and the mitigations planned by Tritax – a small buffer zone and high screening - are woefully inadequate in my opinion. The construction of this site will completely shatter the peace of this beautiful green area – the high noise levels, light and dust pollution levels will inevitably drive out the more vulnerable species. The bird-life nationally is in FREEFALL – some 70% of the UK's 245 bird species are Red-listed (of highest concern because their numbers are severely declining eg song thrush, jays, yellow-hammers, woodpeckers, owls, which are just a few that can be seen in Burbage Woods). They will disappear, driven out!

As custodians of this beautiful planet, I urge you, the Examining Authority, to reject this proposal in its entirety.