

Site Selection – No applicant response to consultation question “North of Syston Rail Junction”

No applicant response to later points 1) Increase in rail usage for container transport from present (2022 RFG source) “only 1 in 4 by rail” will need the available rail capacity Wigston – Nuneaton for through traffic. 2) “Container Marshalling” and point (1) combined - highlight the need for the location to be within the best existing rail infrastructure.

In this area I have suggested the multi-track section in Leicester, currently called “Humberstone Rd Sidings”

Proposed site – Not a level site, elevated location with no natural noise screening to an SSSI, Country Park or existing “rural” village properties and businesses. When the total available site is 225ha, is it necessary to develop beyond the line of footpath V35/2 and adjacent hedgeline and trees. (New rail-bridge on the Croft side of existing bridge ?)

Requires extensive changes in ground levels which affects surface and ground water flows. Applicant's latest revised submissions now agree this is permeable ground, which highlights the previously dismissed questions on the altered above and below ground water supplies to the SSSI and Burbage Common.

Requires diversion of 500mm ST pressurised sewer pipe – is there a diversion plan agreed with Severn Trent ? Is it planned before (during ??) the earthworks phase ?

Cut and Fill balance depends on having suitable material. Otherwise substantial CO2 requirement to extract and replace. Any confirmation for this ?

Proposed operation – Rail paths, Container Loading, Unloading, Marshalling to be operating 24/7. New link road to be operating 24/7.

No noise screening around the majority of the areas/lengths created. I think there was an update, some “if feasible” (link road). Is it ?

For Elmesthorpe no plan for providing any effective earth bunds. Applicants predicted operational noise not including the current “horn signalling”, questionable wind directional and “continuous tone” assumptions. Needs a second opinion ?

Operation will give additive noise both in compass direction and over the 24/7 compared to the existing daytime and night-time peaks and troughs.