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To: All Interested Parties

20 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited ("the Applicant") Seeking Development Consent for the Proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Project ("the Proposed Development")

Following the completion of the examination on 28 March 2024, the Examining Authority submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Secretary of State") on 10 June 2024 a report and recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application. On 10 September 2024, the Secretary of State announced that she was 'minded to refuse' the application and extended the statutory decision deadline on the Application to March 2025 in order to gather further information on a number of matters.

Applicant's Submission of Additional Information of 10 December 2024

The Secretary of State has received a submission of additional information from the Applicant dated 10 December 2024 in response to the 'minded to refuse' letter. The Secretary of State invites comments from **any Interested Party** on that additional information. The deadline for a response is 7 February 2025.

The Secretary of State requests **the Applicant** to provide a further update by 7 February 2025 on any matters that remain outstanding. As part of this update, the Secretary of State requests the Applicant to set out the status of negotiations and to confirm whether the Applicant is of the view that agreement with the relevant Interested Party(s) might be reached and, if so, when they expect to conclude such an agreement.

Deadline for Response

The deadline for comments on the additional information of 10 December 2024 is **7 February 2025.** The deadline for Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited's update is **7 February 2025**.

Submissions sent by post may be subject to delay therefore your response on the information requested above should be submitted to the Case Team, if possible, by email to: HinckleySRFI@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

Responses will be published as soon as possible after the deadline on the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at:

<u>Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange - Project information</u> (planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision on the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Application, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully,

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit