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To: Hinckley SRFI

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

To whom it may concern

We write to express my concern regarding this proposed development, as outlined below:

### Infrastructure

The M69 motorway, particularly the M1/M69 junction, is inadequate to cope with the increased volume of heavy goods and workforce traffic that this proposal would cause.

The local road infrastructure through the small villages close to the proposed hub is inadequate for increased vehicle movements that a development of this scale will cause. Additional traffic in the surrounding villages, particularly at peak times, will add significant risk to pedestrians and the quality of life will be detrimentally and significantly impacted.

The expansion of rail freight traffic will increase the number of times the Narborough level crossing is closed to road traffic causing severe congestion and gridlock in the surrounding area.

#### **Distribution hubs**

The proposed development would overlap three adequate distribution hubs: DIRFT at Daventry, Gateway Castle Donnington (newly built) and Hams Hall Birmingham, and is not necessary for the East Midlands area.

#### **Burbage Common**

This proposal would create major adverse impacts on the environment, the local landscape
and wildlife habitat, and would devastate much loved Burbage Common and Woods for
the local communities.

## **Speculative**

This unnecessary development on a greenfield area is likely to bring only low paid work to the area, and appears to be purely speculative in nature.

# A brief note for future strategy

Future generations will require every square foot of good quality farm land for food security and countryside for wellbeing and health. A move to organic farming will lower agricultural productivity along with larger areas of land under water for longer (East Anglia particularly). We allow speculative development such as this coupled with builders greedy for easy to develop greenfield sites at our peril.

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