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Dear Ms Alexander,

I am writing to you as an Interested Party to the proposed HNRFI development and in responding to this consultation, I would initially raise the fundamental question of need. At no time has this been adequately proven by the developers – particularly in relation to the proximity of four existing terminals at Daventry, four further rail hubs and the in-progress development of Northampton Gateway, all of which are within an hour's drive from the HNRFI's proposed site.

Furthermore, despite repeated opportunities to do so, the applicant has consistently failed to engage with local constituents and provide adequate and timely information requested by interested parties. I shall leave the reader to draw their own conclusions as to the motivation for this.

Suffice to say that, along with 94.5% of residents surveyed in the area, Tritax recognises the minimal benefits this scheme might actually deliver in terms of job and wealth creation for local communities. To support this, I would highlight that – along with many housing developments – the region continues to be blighted by large scale industrial developments, predominantly in the warehousing and distribution sectors. Anyone with even a rudimentary knowledge of current supply chain and logistics knows that today, such developments are highly automated / technology driven and absolutely do not provide more than a paucity of employment opportunities, let alone skilled positions. This fact merely serves to exacerbate the documented long term inconvenience, environmental damage, traffic chaos and disruption that would inevitably result if the proposed development were to proceed.

In the light of the above, it is not surprising that the Examining Authority concluded: ***“significant adverse cumulative effects would remain”*** despite the mitigations proposed by Tritax. In turn, this was reflected in the Planning Inspectorate's decision to withhold consent, and no doubt led your predecessor to be ***“minded to refuse the application”***.

With the continued absence of adequate and credible mitigation, it is evident that nothing has emerged to materially change that conclusion. I therefore trust that you will not authorise this deeply flawed development to go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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