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Subject: Proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Project
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Dear Sir

Interested Party Ref. 20040752

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

I would like to register my objections to the proposed planning application above. I note that the secretary of state is currently minded to refuse this application, a decision which when confirmed I would welcome. My objections are as follows ;

1. The proposed National Rail Interchange at Hinckley would be a disaster not just for the town itself but also for Burbage Common, Earl Shilton, Barwell and Stoney Stanton. Indeed residents of Leicestershire and a wider area would also be impacted negatively on health and general wellbeing.
2. My concerns are for the environment as a whole with catastrophic damage being caused to areas of natural beauty and wild life.
3. The air quality in Earl Shilton and Barwell is currently poor and any development of this kind would be detrimental to residents.
4. Air, noise levels and light pollution will all be negatively impacted significantly by huge increases of local traffic, both trains and vehicles on to already congested roads.
5. Earl Shilton was bypassed 15 years ago. Traffic estimates at the time did not take into account a development of this magnitude. There will therefore be a huge increase of traffic both along the bypass and through the town centre.
6. There is absolutely no justification for this development on employment grounds. There are plenty of jobs particularly in distribution locally. Magna Park has for a number of years struggled to fill vacancies and is currently expanding. Magna Park is less than 15 minutes from Hinckley. MIRA is another large employer as is DPD.
7. More employment in Hinckley would inevitably increase the demand for more

homes as currently the labour market cannot support Magna Park from its local population. More houses , more people, more traffic, more pollution.

8. Increased population would put further pressures on local resources. In particular health and educational needs and policing.
9. The development itself takes green space and any additional housing attributed to this takes more green space, farming land and habitat.
10. The positioning of this development adjacent to Burbage Common a site of Special Scientific Interest is particularly callous. This is a much used much loved area which must be protected at all cost.

In conclusion I, and I know thousands of others are totally opposed to this potential monster in our midst. I look forward to the Secretary of State confirming the refusal of this application in due course

Yours sincerely

Stephen G Baker

