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The HNRFI should and must be refused for the following reasons:-

1. Even if the mitigation requirements are implemented by Tritax they will not compensate for, or have any beneficial effects whatsoever on the overall detrimental impact of this massive and destructive project.
2. The proposed location of this hub is on huge areas of greenfield sites and agricultural land with public footpaths, bridleways etc. to adjacent Burbage Common and wood - a SSSI and ancient woodland which provides crucial habitat and wildlife corridors. The proposed development simply cannot be justified at a time when the protection of the environment/wildlife/natural habitat etc. is so essential. Once this habitat is concreted over it is lost forever.
3. Hinckley and surrounding villages are already suffering hugely from overdevelopment with warehousing and hundreds of new houses being forced on the area and built on greenfield sites with total disregard for nature or people. The area cannot sustain any more developments, especially this proposed monstrous rail hub. We are already seeing areas in and around the villages suffering severe flooding, especially Sharnford. This will only get worse.
4. This hub is not needed or wanted by the people of Hinckley. There are already rail hubs at Daventry, Hams Hall, and East Midlands Gateway, and extensive warehousing at Magna Park.
5. The massive increase and concentration of traffic and HGV movements is unsustainable with Hinckley and adjacent areas already suffering frequent major congestion/gridlock problems causing absolute misery to peoples' everyday life. Hold-ups/accidents/road works etc. on the major routes - M69/A5/M1/M6 result in diversions through Hinckley and surrounding villages - routes (many of which are just rat runs) that are totally unsuitable for such a high volume of traffic, also causing a real danger to local residents. There are no suitable routes for HGV vehicles. This proves clearly that the proposed site is completely inappropriate.
6. Air quality and pollution are already a problem in Hinckley, so an increase in traffic and pollution from diesel trains can only exacerbate the situation.
7. There is nothing Tritax can do to mitigate the huge damage this totally flawed project would cause. The loss and destruction of countryside, wildlife, and the detrimental impact felt by the local population on their quality of life cannot be justified.

I hope that pure common sense will prevail and I strongly support your original decision to reject this application, with no further discussion or appeals.

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