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Tritax application re Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI)

Interested Party Reference No. 20038082

As a resident of Sapcote, I wish to comment on the following points with regard to Sapcote village centre:

1. Cycling

I am one of the many cyclists in Sapcote who find the existing road widths and traffic volumes difficult. Lorries are a particular safety concern. Reducing road widths in some parts of the carriageway through the village without making any new provision for cyclists would make cycling through Sapcote even more dangerous than it is at present.

2. Proposal to deal with section of road between Co-op and New Walk

The proposed mitigation to allow lorries to pass each other will not work because of the lack of visibility on the 'S' bend next to the Co-op. Lorries approaching each other will not see each other until it is too late. The same applies to cars heading towards lorries driving down the centre of the road as instructed. Traffic will be badly disrupted by hold-ups and vehicles reversing, and accidents are more likely to occur.

3. Area outside Co-op

The existing area outside the Co-op is used by school buses and people shopping at the Co-op, including the elderly and disabled, since there are only five parking spaces on the Co-op car park, one of which is for disabled people. The wide pavement outside the Co-op makes a safe, highly visible space for school children to wait for the bus, particularly on dark mornings. The proposal to move the bus stop onto the grass verge along the road will not offer the same environment. There is also no public car park in the village. My view is that the area outside the Co-op should, therefore, be left as it is.