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Subject: Concerns regarding updated Tritax submission for Hinckley Rail Freight
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Hello,

As a local resident I am just writing regarding my concerns towards the latest submission by Tritax for the Hinckley Rail Freight. I do have an interested party number however I can't seem to find it but hopefully based on my name and email address you should be able to locate it if needed.

Having looked through the update, there are still issues that I feel Tritax are not addressing for local residents.

The plan to pedestrianise the bus lay by outside of the Co Op in my opinion will cause further traffic chaos and risk to pedestrian safety. The Co Op has very few parking spaces and this often results with people parking on the kerbs outside the Co Op, including around the bus stop. As the Co Op also has a cash machine and parcel drop unit, again there is incentive for people to use the limited parking spaces around the Co Op thus creating congestion, especially during school runs.

This, alongside the narrow road on that bend (including a horrible lack of pavement around the old blacksmith's cottage opposite the hairdressers) with more proposed traffic including lorries going to the Rail Freight (which will inevitably happen thanks to opening up the M69 in both directions, as people from Broughton Astley, Cosby and other large villages in the area use this road to access the M69) is an accident waiting to happen.

This also poses the question what happens if the Hinckley Road/Leicester Road is narrowed to restrict the movement of lorries coming through Sapcote-what exactly will happen if there are two large oncoming vehicles in the narrow part of the road? The answer is go onto the pavement to avoid a crash. I don't see any mention in the update of anyone being required to give way...again another accident waiting to happen.

Further down the road we have a day nursery which regularly has cars parked on the pavement as parents drop off or collect children. This causes road users to have to stop and give way. More traffic will mean more congestion in this area. Similarly the junction of Sharnford Road, Leicester Road and Grace Road is busy anyway and more traffic passing through will create more congestion for the village.

The idea of moving the bus stop in my opinion is dangerous-if the Co Op bus stop is moved to a narrower part of the pavement then this will cause problems with local school children waiting for their school bus which stops there-their safety is put at risk. Similarly, around that time parents taking their children to school on foot or anyone else walking through the village often has to cross over the road at this same Co Op narrow bend and (once again) this is an accident waiting to happen thanks to the extra traffic that will pass through the village which will happen with the opening up of the M69 in both directions and the Rail Freight.

I also question what Tritax proposes happens when vehicles need to stop outside the houses on Lord Bassett Close-how will HGV's get past delivery drivers or residents parked up in this area?

I am very opposed to the Rail Freight going ahead for the pure and simple reasons that the impact extra traffic will have on the village passing through has not been thought out for residents having to put up with it all.

The safety aspect is ridiculous-the main road through Sapcote is not suitable for large amounts of traffic and yet Tritax have done nothing to say how this obvious elephant in the room will be dealt with-even speaking to their representatives at consultations staff were unable to answer this question! The other reason is because it's simply not needed where it is! There is Magna Park down the road, East Midlands airport and Northamptonshire appears to be the logistics capital of the UK!

Again, Tritax could not give a valid reason about why this hub is actually needed given the amount of other alternatives there are in the area.

As a very concerned resident I urge you to take on board the concerns of local people who are going to have to live with the knock on affects of the inevitable rise in traffic though village roads that are unsuitable.

Many thanks,
Izzy Baird