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I continue to object to the Application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited for the proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange.

The additional information submitted by Tritax on December 10th, 2024, has made little impact to address the outstanding issues.

The proposals do not resolve major highway concerns and consequently will cause significant adverse road network impacts, traffic delays and air pollution at junctions in village centres. The village of Stoney Stanton is already congested with traffic at certain times of the day.

Travel plans are limited and do nothing to address additional employee traffic estimated at 8,000. Routes through villages will be used, adding to congestion.

The M69 / M1 Leicester junction is gridlocked with traffic queuing back up the M69 towards Junction 2, most days late afternoon / early evening. This means villages around the area are impacted with drivers trying to find ways around the congestion, on roads that are not designed to take high levels of vehicle movements.

The issue of traffic travelling through Sapcote has not been answered, the road through the village was not designed for HGV with long trailers. The potential for accidents with other road users and pedestrians is still a major concern.

The HNRFI will not meet the requirements for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) with a rail-first priority. Rail in this proposal is a part player in the role of bringing goods into this freight interchange. Lorries are the primary mover, again putting increased pressure on an already overloaded road network. This does not support the government green agenda. The information being provided by Tritax continues to be very limited and lacks any real depth.

As the Blaby District Ward member, Fosse Stoney Cove Ward, there has been limited communication with residents in my time as a councillor, May 2023 onwards, by Tritax on this proposal.

There continues to be a lack of satisfactory noise and light pollution assessments. As well as mitigation for the villages and travellers' site around the proposed site. This was a major concern of the Inspector in his report.

The barrier crossing point in the middle of Narborough is still an issue with the potential increased barrier downtime, leaving the village to be grid locked. The mitigation put forward by Tritax is unsuitable.

To conclude the site will give rise to untold damage to village communities, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote, Elmesthorpe which will be impacted by both traffic and light pollution. Tritax have not put anything forward to lessen this impact and residents' quality of life will be affected.

I ask the SOS takes note of the Inspectors recommendation and refuses this application.

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