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I'm a very concerned and perplexed person in Sapcote, a 'village' which will be devastated by the impact of the HRFNI.

I sincerely hope that my faith in this government to do the right thing by it's people is not unfounded and I do hope the highly intelligent and human people who are reading this, recognise the devastating impact this 'proposal' will have on so many people, for so very little net benefit - other than lining the pockets of the developers at the expense of hard working tax payers, and who have time and time again demonstrated MINIMAL interest in engaging properly with those impacted, and who have evidenced continual professional incompetence with consistently inaccurate, incomplete and totally unrealistic submissions. I was truly thankful when the Secretary of State indicated she was 'minded to refuse this application', it was a deserving response and I hope with all my heart and for future generations, that this response is maintained.

I won't re-iterate the vast number of concerns and objections raised by councillors across all parties across not only the immediate area but surrounding areas too, nor the local councils, parish councils or highways, community groups and residents who have raised concerns too.

I won't discuss in detail the devastation of Burbage common, which is a saviour to many, and to me especially at weekends when I want some 'fresh air', to listen to the birds and the trees, when it will be decimated by a monstrous 24 hour operation right on its doorstep; I won't go into the full impact of the nearby village of Narborough with increased traffic and waiting times as more trains pass through more frequently, nor focus on the increasing incidences of flooding in the area which already causes chaos.

I won't share my full level of confusion why there is need for another rail freight interchange when we have others in the vicinity, not least one close by near Northampton / Rugby.

I won't point out the increased traffic impact in and out of Hinckley, if the M69 motorway is opened up at J2 when traffic into Hinckley is already gridlocked, nor remind that the reason this junction has never been opened up in the past is the huge adverse impact this would have on local villages which could not cope. Stoney Stanton gets gridlocked on a school day, let alone with the additional traffic this new proposal would generate.

I won't waste any more time covering the many, many reasons why this proposal is flawed but will focus **my key concern on saving a life.**

**The real danger and inadequate proposal to allow Lorrie's through the heart of Sapcote, uncontrolled, with no regard for the safety and respect of its' people**

We have one main road that goes right through the heart of Sapcote. I live on that main road, on the edge of the village. We don't have many Lorrie's currently coming through, the main ones are learner truck drivers, bin men and from the local quarry or grab trucks.

The road has an S shape right in the heart of the village, by the local Co op, which is not far from an old people's residence and directly where many school children wait for secondary school buses or primary school children are accompanied by parents walking them to school .

The road narrows, as does the pavement. When one lorry encounters the bend, and a car is coming in the opposite direction, one or other has to mount the pavement. Get two Lorries and it's a disaster waiting to happen. Get one of the many elderly residents or parent walking their child at the same time... the outcome becomes unthinkable.

If the developers were truly interested in supporting the communities, they would invest in superior highway alternatives that don't include paltry fines for Lorries coming through the village (who pockets the money?), but support alternative infrastructure that prohibits HGVs completely and diverts traffic through new roads, not through fosse villages (except for access to Co op as required).

I apologise for the lengthy email but I care about this community and I care about maintaining a safe place to live.

I have faith that the Secretary of State will stand by her original decision.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment for a final time,  
Best wishes  
Paula O'Reilly

