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My response to the letter from the Secretary of State, that has been published on the National Infrastructure Planning website, inviting comments from any Interested Parties in relation to additional information from the Applicant dated 10 December 2024, in response to the Secretary of State's 'minded to refuse' letter.

I am open minded about the proposed development overall and not against it in a general sense. However, I would strongly object to it proceeding unless it was an absolute condition that a new road be created linking the M69 junction to the B4114 and bypassing Sapcote to the south.

This new road is essential to cater for the additional traffic that will be generated both by the proposed development itself, and also because of the improved access to the M69 that will be created by the proposed (and very welcome) additional slip roads at Jnc 2. This improved M69 access will attract a lot of existing traffic from local road users from several nearby settlements who currently have to use either Jnc 1 to the south, or Jnc 3 to the north, to gain access to the M69 going southbound towards Coventry.

This new road should start either directly from the M69 Jnc 2 roundabout, or a very short distance from it to the east along the B4669, before the existing Stanton Lane junction. It should curve around the south side of Sapcote at a reasonable distance and (ideally) should then join the B4114 at the same point as the existing Sharnford Road/Coventry Road junction. A roundabout at this point would resolve both existing, and future, delays at this junction point and would also be positive from a safety point of view.

Without this new road being mandatory, the project is unacceptable. All the waffle about "controlling" HGV traffic through Sapcote is simply a diversionary tactic to avoid the cost of doing the job properly, and completely ignores the overall effect on traffic that the additional M69 Jnc 2 slip roads will produce in reality.

Regards - Mr J M Walker (Stoney Stanton resident)