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re: Hinckley National Rail Freight application

Dear planning inspectorate team.

I'd like to raise an additional comment which we realised was relevant after the deadline for submitting comments to the applicants additional information.

re: SoS 36 and 37: Consideration of whether a railway station could be opened at Elmesthorpe. Response from TSH in TSH 3.1.3 and 3.15 to 3.35. This is also relevant to the traffic issues that would affect Sapcote and Stoney Stanton.

There is a brown field location less than 30 miles away on the border of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire that offers existing rail access, a nearby passenger station (East Midlands Parkway), is relatively easy to access from the Birmingham to Felixstowe line via the Midland Mainline (this line is already used for freight from Felixstowe), has nearby motorways (M1, M42 plus A50), and a nearby airport. This is the Ratcliffe on Soar power station which has recently been shut down (September 2024). Use of this alternative site would remove many of the problems associated with the applicants chosen site and would be much less damaging to the environment and to the public in general as it is already an industrial site.

It would be quite close to the East Midlands Gateway Rail Freight Interchange site, but if there is a need then this would not be a negative thing and could offer advantages.

Kind regards,

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