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Dear Mr Reynolds

Hinckley Strategic National Rail Freight Interchange – Public Consultation content and timeline

Further to the 'Local Authority Officers' Working Group' meeting called by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Ltd on 1 December, the County Council has reviewed the content of the public consultation (planned to commence w/c 12th January) and wishes to make the following observations:

- The proposed consultation material is extremely limited and skirts around the major issues to the extent that it is of little use to residents wishing to form a view on the scheme
- The scheme proposer is pursuing carbon offsetting and providing no attempt to reduce localised pollution from expected HGV and diesel train movements
- The consultation document presents information to the public based on modelling results that are not agreed with the Highways Authorities (and may be subject to change). This brings into question the validity of the public consultation as proposed as there is uncertainty on the extent of the highway impacts. Clearer descriptions of mitigation proposals are needed to allow residents to form views
- The Local Highway Authority is yet to be provided evidence to demonstrate that a bypass around Sapcote and Stoney Stanton is not needed, despite this option being excluded from the consultation material

As a result of the above, the County Council is unable to support the planned public consultation and is of the view that the proposer should delay it until agreement is reached on the likely mitigation measures required to offset the impacts of the scheme.

Yours sincerely



cc. Alberto Costa MP, Dr Luke Evans MP, Planning Inspectorate, Cllr Nick Rushton,
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