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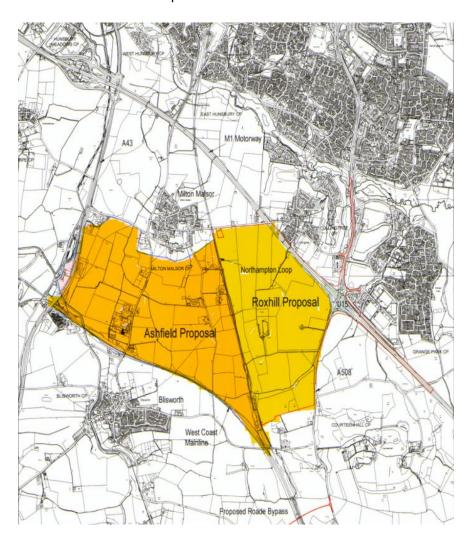
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Dear Ms. Mignano,

I have previously registered with you as an interested party in respect of the Roxhill Northampton Gateway proposed Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) & associated <u>Roade Bypass</u>. My PINS registration number is: 20011086.

I **strongly object** to the aforementioned proposal for multiple reasons, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. It is highly questionable whether or not Roxhills' proposed SFRI is truly strategic and aligned with the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN) policy requirements, for example, their proposal does not appear to a) serve the UK's government driven objectives to expand the network of large SRFI's across the regions, and b) take into consideration other existing SFRI's already in the Midlands area at this time e.g. Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT) which is only 18 miles and already provides ample rail freight and warehousing capacity. There is no need for yet another RFI or SFRI in the Midlands area.
- 2. Roxhill do not appear to have adequately considered <u>alternative sites</u>, only one other it seems i.e. the proposed and adjoining Ashfield Land SFRI <u>proposed</u> site, nor have they, in my opinion adequately considered the <u>cumulative impact</u> of their proposal to the aforementioned proposed Ashfield land site. See map below for reference:



- 3. I understand that Network Rail have not yet confirmed whether or not they will have any rail capacity to accommodate Roxhills' forecast rail requirements.
- 4. The loss of open countryside, the diversion of regularly used Public Rights of Way (PROW's) and the loss of the indigenous natural wildlife in the area will have a highly detrimental impact on the environment and local residents.
- 5. In respect to potential flood risks around the main proposed SFRI site and <u>associated bypass</u> in Roade, in my view, Roxhill have not carried out adequate assessments and their mitigate plans are vauge.
- 6. Cultural heritage assets in the area such as Woodleys Farm Day Nursery and Hyde Farm House (the oldest building in Roade dating back to the 14th century) will both be severely and negatively impacted. I'm also dissatisfied with the lack of archaeological and trenching surveys carried out by Roxhill in this regard.
- 7. South Northants have a claimant rate of c. 0.7% (400 people). Roxhill claim that an additional c. 7,500 staff roles will be created. Roxhill appear not to have taken into account the impact of extra commuters travelling into the area in their proposal i.e. the negative impacts of increased traffic, noise and air quality.
- 8. It is likely, if Roxhills' proposal were to be approved, that local residents would see an increase in Crime, similar to DIRFT which rose by 176%.
- 9. The impact to the local 999 and NHS services does not appear to have been taken into consideration at all by Roxhill which is highly worrying to say the least.

Yours sincerely,

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