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Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Project - Non-Material Change TR050006

FOA - Planning Inspectorate

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with reference to the development of the Rail Freight terminal and the proposed alterations to the material facts of the planning requirements.

After attending the meeting informing us that Northampton Rail Freight Terminal want to build and occupy warehousing before the rail connections are made, which is a deviation from the planning permission conditions. The rationale for this request is purported to be that Network Rail cannot accommodate them. As the planning consent was for a 'Freight Terminal' it appears that request to continue without the rail freight, indicates that they are and have always been only interested in the warehousing. As this was a material fact (Rail Freight Terminal) in the planning application I would have expected the planning inspectorate and the applicant would have made sure that Network Rail could accommodate them.

The increase in traffic is already becoming intolerable and this is without the additional road transport that will be generated by these warehouses - should the request to deviate to the original planning permission be approved. Without the Rail Freight terminal - the warehouses will have NO rail connections. Bearing in mind that 4 or 5 trains half a mile long should be entering this site every day, this would ease and reduce the level of traffic in the area. This was stated as a benefit in their brochures and further highlighted by their site manger interviewed by BBC.

I strongly object to this deviation to the planning permission condition to continue with the warehouses without the rail freight terminal being built and it must be rejected!! It seem to me to be a complete disregard of the planning permission provided and its condition and it indicates to me that there was never any intention to build this rail freight terminal. This request seems to be a blatant attempt to by-pass the planning permission conditions by the back door.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Peter Goss

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