



Collingtree Parish Council

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Dear Sirs

The Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Order 2019 Proposed non-change for the Order

We are writing to formally object to the proposed non-material amendment of the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Order as detailed in the consultation document received from Segro dated 8th May 2025. We believe that the proposed amendments would result in significant changes that are not truly “non-material” We wish to outline the reasons for our objection below.

Impact on Local Community and Environment

The proposed amendments could have unintended consequences on the local environment and surrounding communities. Specifically, the increase in pollution both in air and noise to Collingtree which has already suffered a great deal because of the development. The original conditions were border line in terms of pollution, the effects this increase will have will surely result in a potentially unsafe quality of air in Collingtree.

Increased Traffic and Safety Concerns

The amendment will lead to an increase in road traffic through Collingtree which was not adequately accounted for in the original planning conditions. The increased volume of freight traffic could pose a safety risk to the local residents. Additionally, any changes to the proposed access routes for the site should undergo further public consultation to ensure all the stakeholders are fully aware of and have an opportunity to comment on any potential risks.

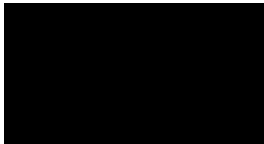
Lack of Public Consultation

The non-material amendment has not been subject to sufficient consultation with the affected local communities. Whilst I acknowledge Segro have sent letters to some of the local councils effected, given the scale and potential impact, the changes propose, we believe it is essential that a full public consultation is carried out to ensure all interested parties, particularly local residents and businesses, have the opportunity to express their views and concerns. The absence of such consultation undermines the democratic process and could result in the overlooking of important issues that would otherwise be addressed.

Conclusion

In light of the concerns outlined above, we respectfully urge the Planning Inspectorate to reject the proposed non-material amendments to the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Order. We believe that the changes would have a significant impact on the local community and environment and that a more thorough assessment including full public consultation is required to address these issues.

Yours Sincerely



Clerk to Collingtree Parish Council.