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Dear Mr Frampton

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

Advice on draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Thank you for providing the Inspectorate with your draft SoCC and annexes.

This advice relates solely to matters raised upon the Inspectorate's review of the draft SoCC submitted by the Applicant, and not the merits of the proposal. The advice is limited by the time available for consideration and raised without prejudice to the acceptance or otherwise of the eventual application. It is provided to assist the preparation of the next iteration of the SoCC.

1. The Inspectorate notes s12(1)b of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 particularly the requirement to set out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information and advises that this is made explicit within the draft SoCC.
2. Is the reference to the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 in the footnote to paragraph 1.5 correct?
3. In relation to paragraph 36 of the Department for Communities and Local Government Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process 2015 (DCLG Guidance) the Inspectorate suggests that if the Applicant had an intention to consult people living in a wider area who could be affected by the project then the methods of doing so should be explicit in the draft SoCC. The

Inspectorate notes that paragraph 1.14 of the draft SoCC does mention social media advertising.

4. In relation to the 'Community Explanation' Document mentioned in the draft SoCC the Inspectorate reminds the Applicant of paragraph 55 of the DCLG Guidance specifically the advice on being clear to local communities on what is settled and why, and what remains to be decided.

The Inspectorate acknowledges that some of these points raised may have been left open to benefit from the input of the Local Authorities and that the draft SoCC may change in light of the responses received, updates due to The Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 or further consultation undertaken by the Applicant.

We hope you find these comments useful and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries on the above.

Yours sincerely

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