

Suggested location for OxSRFI site inspections

To the Examining Authority,

The local community near the proposed OxSRFI site places great value on the recreational value of the open fields between Ardley and Heyford.

To support the evaluation of the “Landscape and visual” and “Ecology and Biodiversity” principal issues, we invite the Planning Inspectorate to walk the full length of the Ardley to Heyford bridleway.

The entrance points of the bridleway are highlighted on the map below:



We believe that walking the full route of the Ardley to Heyford bridleway will help the Examining Authority more fully appreciate the adverse impact the OxSRFI proposal would have on the area, and to physically experience the grossly disproportionate size of the proposed warehouse estate, relative to likely rail traffic.

That disproportionality is central to our position that the characterisation of the project as a *Strategic Rail Freight Interchange* is merely a *trojan horse* for obtaining planning permission for an extra-large warehouse estate, which will predominantly be served by lorries.

Best regards,

Philip Norstrand

Founder of the *Stop the Trojan Horse* community group

Photo taken from the Heyford-Ardley Bridleway during the summer of 2026:



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