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Dear Ms Julie Whitehouse

28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange | Informal Consultation**

db symmetry, an established logistics developer, is bringing forward proposals for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) at Junction 2 of the M69, on land east of Hinckley, in Blaby District in Leicestershire. A strategic rail freight interchange (SRFI) is a large multi-purpose freight interchange and distribution centre linked into both the rail and trunk road systems. SRFIs reduce the cost of moving freight by rail and encourage the transfer of freight from road to rail.

The proposals are aligned with the Government's aspirations within the UK Industrial Strategy, which sets out the actions needed to address productivity barriers across the Midlands, creating more jobs, enabling the export of more goods and services, whilst growing productivity. The proposal is considered to be aligned with the Midlands Connect Strategy and the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan.

db symmetry is committed to engaging with the local community about the plans. Informal consultation was held on the proposals between October and December 2018 and a series of exhibitions were held in six venues across the local area, which were attended by around 1,500 residents.

In response to the feedback received to the first informal consultation stage, a further round of informal consultation will now take place, focussing specifically on highways issues and on options for potential off-site highways improvements – the main concern raised at the October-December consultation by local residents.

The informal consultation will run from 8<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

All the information will be available on our website at [www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk](http://www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk) from the start of the consultation, which begins on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

We value your feedback on our proposals and would welcome an opportunity to meet you. Additionally, you are invited to attend any of our public exhibition drop-in sessions on the following dates:

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 4pm-8pm**  
St Francis Community Centre, Tudor Road, Hinckley, LE10 0EQ
- **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 10am-2pm**  
The George Ward Centre, Church Lane, Barwell, LE9 8DG
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10am-2pm**  
Elmesthorpe Village Hall Wilkinson Lane, Elmesthorpe, LE9 7SP
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 4pm-8pm**  
Sapcote Methodist Church, 39 Leicester Road, Sapcote, LE9 4JE
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 12:30pm-6:30pm**  
Stoney Stanton Village Hall, 1 New Road, Stoney Stanton, LE9 4LQ
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10am-2pm**  
Burbage Methodist Church, Windsor St, Burbage, LE10 2EF

If you are unable to attend any of our public exhibition drop-in sessions but would like further information, please contact us:

- In writing to db symmetry c/o Lexington Communications, Third Floor, Queens House, Queen Street, Manchester M2 5HT;
- By telephoning our Community Information Line on 0844 556 3002 (weekdays, 9.00am - 5.30pm);
- By visiting our website at [www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk](http://www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk); or
- By emailing our consultation team at [hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk](mailto:hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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