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Dear Mr Reynolds

### **RE - Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – Public Consultation**

Further to last weeks briefing for members of Blaby District Council I just wanted to let you know that it caused disquiet for many councillors, in addition it raised a number of concerns which it is felt significantly affect and limit the value of the current public consultation exercise. The most significant element is in relation to the transport modelling and notification from the Highways Authority in that the proposals you presented have not been agreed with them, and no agreement has been reached on the likely mitigation measures required to offset the considerable community impacts of the scheme. It is on this basis that Blaby District Council notes the concerns raised by Leicestershire County Council and their proposal that the public consultation be delayed until such a time as the mitigation measures are agreed. I also have concerns around the extent to which the development site will be a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange as opposed to a road haulage logistics/warehousing development and also the impact on Narborough Station barrier downtime. With this in mind I am concerned about the Public Consultation being flawed as it will not give an accurate basis on which residents can make informed comments.

I understand that you have to prepare a further consultation report as part of the submission for examination, however, if there are substantial changes to the proposal particularly around the highways mitigation then I would strongly recommend that a reconsultation would be appropriate to allow full consultation with those concerned. I would further highlight the Eastern Villages Link and if this is proposed, again a full consultation would be required as this is not included within the current proposals.

Thank you again for your time last week and I look forward to receiving your confirmation around the next steps.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Terry Richardson  
**Leader - Blaby District Council**

