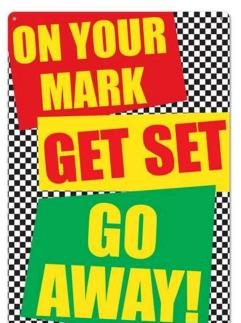
# **Act Now Whilst You Still Can!**



The Planning Application for Roxhill's Northampton Gateway has been submitted and the Planning Inspectorate has decided that it meets the requirements to proceed to Examination.

The window in which you can formally register your objections is now open & closes on August 5<sup>th</sup> 2018. To have any say in this process going forward you must register within this window.

If we are to have any chance of stopping this development, we must all individually make our views known to the Planning Inspectorate. The more voices the more notice PINs take of our objections

Please don't leave this to other people, have your say now. To Register please go to

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/northampton-gateway-rail-freight-interchange/?ipcsection=relreps or call PINS for your paper registration form on <u>0303 444 5000</u> quoting reference TR050006

This is known as registering as "an interested party"

You'll be asked for a few pieces of basic personal information e.g. name and address

There will then be space for you to write your "Initial Submission" this is your objections. It must be in your own words and anything up to approx. 500 words. If you wish to expand on this at a later stage in the process you will be able to however there is no requirement for you to expand on your initial submission if you don't want to.

Our team will be on hand during this window to help whomever wants it.

We can help with computer, internet access and with registering online or on paper if you'd prefer.

The team can be contacted on stoproxhill@outlook.com 01604 864498 / 862369

## Reasons to Object.

Below are some potential implications of the development which can be used to help complete your registration. Include any you feel are relevant to you using your own words, it is however important to state that you are objecting (and the degree to which you object, e.g. strongly) otherwise PINS will treat your submission as merely comments. Think about how the development would affect your life and communicate this.

#### No strategic need due to DIRFT

Policy calls for a small number of SRFI's across the regions close to the markets they will serve. Northampton Gateway would be 18 miles from an existing larger facility.

#### Noise, light & air pollution

The development and traffic flowing to and from the site would dramatically increase pollution in the area. The site would be operational 24/7 causing this pollution increase to also be 24/7.

#### Threat of further development

The M1 currently provides a boundary for development, a strategic gap identified in the South Northamptonshire Local Plan. Once development crosses the boundary more will inevitably follow joining surrounding villages to Northampton.

#### Labour pool

Northamptonshire doesn't have the available labour required to serve this development, therefore workers would have to travel in from other areas adding to pollution and congestion.

### Rail capacity & loss of passenger rail services

The West Coast Mainline is the busiest railway in Europe. NCC Highways Authority have stated '…increasing freight services over the Loop (line) might require a reduction in the passenger service to Northampton.'

#### Road capacity

16,500 additional vehicle movements would cause significant pressure on our already overcrowded roads. The Department for Transport is already warning of severe congestion on the M1 J15-17 by 2040, without this development.

#### Loss of wildlife habitat & farmland

The site would destroy 520 acres of farmland and wildlife habitats and corridors.

#### Crime increase

The areas around DIRFT have seen a 176% increase in crime since 2000/01.

These are just some potential implications, for more visit - <a href="www.stoproxhill.co.uk">www.stoproxhill.co.uk</a> Or on Facebook <a href="mailto:@stopJ15northamptongateway">@stopJ15northamptongateway</a>