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Mr Philip Asquith
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National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
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Your Ref: TR050006
Our Ref: AL/TG/1903

21st March 2019

Dear Mr Asquith,

Re: Application by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange

With the 26th March as the final deadline for receipt of any further comments on the above application, and aware that your Examining Authority will be completing its examination of the application by the 9th April, I wanted to write on behalf of my constituents to thank you for the considered and detailed approach you and your fellow examiners have taken in this matter.

I will not repeat the substantive points of objection I have provided to you on behalf of concerned residents since your examination started and that my Parliamentary Assistant Tommy Gilchrist raised at the recent Issue Specific Hearing.

From availability of requisite freight paths for the site to reach full operational potential, the capacity of the local road network to handle the tens of thousands of additional daily HGV and workforce journeys, a locally-available workforce, environmental concerns particularly around impact on existing air quality management areas, and overall site suitability within the context of the National Policy Statement for National Networks, I know you are aware of the strength of feeling against the Northampton Gateway proposal and the detailed reasons for these objections.

My constituents remain implacably opposed to the development and await your decision with great interest.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Leadsom".

The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP
Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire

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