

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Order 202X

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice issued 5 May 2023 pursuant to:

Section 56 Planning Act 2008 'Notifying persons of accepted application'

Regulation 9 The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 'Publicising an accepted application'

Regulation 16 The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 'Accepted application – publicity and consultation for EIA development'

Notice is hereby given that the above referenced application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO') submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"), by Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited, Unit B, Grange Park Court, Roman Way, Northampton, England, NN4 5EA has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The reference number applied to the Application is TR050007.

The notice explains how you can view the Application documentation and register to take part in the Examination of the Application if you so wish.

In summary, the application seeks consent for the following works:

- (a) New rail infrastructure off the Leicester to Hinckley railway;
- (b) An intermodal freight terminal (railport) capable of accommodating up to 16 trains per day;
- (c) Up to 850,000 square metres of buildings for logistics use (comprising 650,000 square metres at ground floor level and a further 200,000 square metres of mezzanine floorspace) - a use within class B8 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes Order) 1987 as amended (warehouse and storage);
- (d) Lorry Park with welfare facilities and HGV fuelling facilities;
- (e) An energy centre;
- (f) Highway works including:
 - (i) Provision of south facing slips onto Junction 2 of the M69;
 - (ii) A new highway link between Junction 2 and B4668 / A47 Leicester;

(iii) Improvements to existing highway junctions in the vicinity of the site.

The site lies 5 km to the north-east of Hinckley town centre, north-west of the M69 junction 2 and the boundary of the proposed development is shown on the Order Limits Plan (Document Reference 2.27).

EIA development

Due to its nature and size, the Proposed Scheme is “EIA Development” for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Proposed Scheme constitutes development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement (Document Reference 6.1)

Copies of the Application

The Application form and its accompanying documents (including the Environmental Statement), plans and maps may be inspected free of charge by downloading them from the Planning Inspectorate’s website or the Applicant’s project website.

The Application Documents can be found under the “Developer’s Application” tab on the Project Page of the Planning Inspectorate’s website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/hinckley-national-rail-freight-interchange/?ipcsection=overview>

The documents will be available on the Planning Inspectorate’s website throughout the Examination of the Application.

The Application Documents can also be found on the Applicant's project website at:

<https://tritaxsymmetry.com/projects/hinckley/>

The Application Documents will be available for inspection on the Applicant’s project website until 23 June 2023 under the Community and Consultation tab under downloads.

Copies of the Application form and the accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, may be purchased from Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited upon request by e-mail to northampton.admin@tritaxsymmetry.com by telephone 01604 330630 or by post at Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited, Unit B, Grange Park Court, Roman Way, Northampton, England, NN4 5EA. Any enquiries in relation to the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps may be made using these contact details.

Copies of all the documents can be provided on a USB stick for £15. Paper copies of the full suite of Application documents can be made available but a charge will need to be made to cover printing and postage up to a maximum of £1,500. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply to cover printing and postage costs.

Making representations about the Proposed Scheme

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the instructions at the relevant link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/hinckley-national-rail-freight-interchange/?ipcsection=overview>

If you would like to request a paper copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should then be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number for the Application (TR050007) should be quoted in any correspondence.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination, provides further guidance on how to register as an interested party and make a relevant representation on the Proposed Scheme, and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm 23 June 2023. Please be aware that all representations will be made public.