

## Planning Act 2008

### Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Order 202X

**Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Ltd (TSH) is commencing the statutory consultation on proposals for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI).**

HNRFI is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and includes alterations to Junction 2 of the M69 motorway to provide south-facing slip roads and a new highway linking Junction 2 of the M69 motorway with the B4668 Leicester Road. As an NSIP the proposals are determined at a national level by the Government, rather than being determined by the local planning authority. TSH will apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Transport.

The rail freight interchange is located on land to the north-east of Hinckley, south of Elmesthorpe, east of the Leicester to Hinckley railway and west of the M69 motorway. The main features of the proposed Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange are:

- New rail infrastructure providing access to the series of parallel sidings
- Intermodal freight terminal ('railport') capable of accommodating up to 16 trains per day of up to 775m in length
- Hard surface areas for container storage
- Up to 850,000m<sup>2</sup> GIA of warehousing and ancillary buildings with a total footprint of 650,000m<sup>2</sup> and up to 200,000m<sup>2</sup> of mezzanine floorspace
- Lorry park with HGV fuel filling station
- Energy services area incorporating an electricity sub-station connected to the local distribution network and a gas-fired heat and power plant (10MW generation capacity fed from solar PV including standby capacity (20MW) and battery (20MW)
- Terrain remodelling, hard and soft landscape works, amenity water features and planting
- Noise attenuation measures – acoustic barriers up to 6m in height
- Pedestrian, equestrian and cycle access routes and infrastructure
- A new link road from M69 junction 2 to the B4668 / A47 Leicester Road including:
  - New access road connecting to an internal road network serving the SRFI
  - New rail bridge within the SRFI site
  - New junction at B4668 / A47 Leicester Road
- Works to the M69 motorway at Junction 2 comprising:
  - Reconfiguration of existing roundabout and approach lanes
  - Additional southern slip roads

A DCO is the statutory process for obtaining planning permission for a NSIP. The application is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and TSH will submit an Environmental Statement with the Application.

**The formal statutory consultation stage on HNRFI will run from 12th January 2022 to 9th March 2022.**

**The deadline for responses to the consultation is 9th March 2022.**

Members of the public are invited to attend an exhibition of the proposals on any of the following dates:

Wednesday 19th January	14.00 – 20.00	Elmesthorpe Village Hall
Friday 21st January	12.30 - 18.30	Stoney Stanton Village Hall
Saturday 22nd January	10.00 – 13.00	Elmesthorpe Village Hall
Monday 24th January	15.00 – 20.00	Burbage Millennium Hall
Wednesday 26th January	14.00 – 20.00	Sapcote Methodist Church
Friday 28th January	14.00 – 20.00	The George Ward Centre
Saturday 29th January	10.00 – 13.00	St Francis Community Centre
Monday 31st January	14.00 – 20.00	Ashby Road Sports Club
Tuesday 1st February	13.00 – 21.00	Narborough Parish Centre

TSH will also host 2 webinar events. These events will be held on:

Tuesday 25th January 2022	14.00 – 16.00
Wednesday 2nd February 2022	18.00 – 20.00

Persons wishing to attend either of these virtual events should register their interest via the HNRFI Website (<https://www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk/>) or the Community Information Line (0844 556 3002).

We are aware of the potential for changes in guidance relating to public spaces due to the Covid-19 pandemic and we take public health and safety arrangements very seriously. At the time of writing this letter, those potential changes cannot be known. We are therefore currently planning to proceed with the events as outlined above. We will, however, keep this under review and in the event that any changes are needed in relation to those arrangements, such as restrictions on numbers, booking slots to attend the events or possibly even the need to hold more virtual events in place of those face-to-face exhibitions, we will publicise updates to explain any necessary changes, through our project website, the social media platforms listed above and through local press where possible.

The public may respond to the consultation:

- Online at the project website by completing a feedback form (a hard copy of the form may be requested free of charge via the Community Information Line).
- By completing a feedback form at the exhibitions
- In correspondence C/O Lexington Communications, 3rd Floor, Queens House, Queen Street, Manchester, M2 5HT, or via email [hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk](mailto:hinckleynrfi@lexcomm.co.uk)
- Through the Community Information Line

A link to the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange website will also be available on the project's social media platforms:

- Facebook - 'Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – HNRFI';
- Twitter @HinckleyRail; and
- Instagram - 'hinckleynationalrailfreight'

More information about Hinckley National can be accessed from the Project Website including:

**The Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) (Available now)** - which explains how TSH will undertake consultation with the local community.

**The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (Available 12th January 2022)** – which describes the proposals in detail and explains the environmental impact of the development.

**The Community Explanation Document (Available 12th January 2022)** – which has been prepared specifically for the local community and is written in clear, accessible and non-technical language.

Limited numbers of this document will be available at the exhibitions.

To request hard copies of the following documents please contact TSH either through any of the 'Contact Us' details referenced on the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Website, or by telephoning the Community Information Line number above. Please note hardcopies are subject to the following reasonable printing and postal costs:

- Statement of Community Consultation £20.00 + VAT
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report £35.00 +VAT
- Community Explanation Document £5.00 + VAT
- Full set of all consultation material comprising all documents being made available for public consultation including appendices and plan £125.00 + VAT

**Issued by: Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited, Grange Park Court, Roman Way, Northampton, NN4 5EA**

**Hinckley National Website <https://www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk/>**

**Community Information Line 0844 556 3002**