

Rail Central:

Phase Two consultation announced



Section 47(6) Planning Act 2008

RAIL CENTRAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE AND HIGHWAY ORDER

NOTICE OF DEPOSIT – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Ashfield Land Management Limited and Gazeley GLP Northampton s.à r.l. (the Applicant) has deposited for inspection (free of charge) at the locations listed below a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). This is for the development of Rail Central, a proposed new Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) in Northamptonshire (the Project).

The Project will consist of the main SRFI site and a number of highway improvement works, including construction works at Junction 15A of the M1. The application is formed of two NSIPs. The main SRFI site is one NSIP and the Junction 15A construction work is the other. In addition, there are associated minor highway improvement works. The main SRFI site is located where the West Coast Mainline meets

the Northampton Loop Line to the south-west of Northampton and between the villages of Blisworth and Milton Malsor.

The SoCC explains how the Applicant will consult on the Project with the local community, residents, businesses and organisations in the area, as well as any other stakeholders.

As the Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, the Applicant will apply to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act).

The Applicant is required to consult with local communities before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs). The Applicant is also required to produce a Consultation Report detailing how the public's views have been taken into consideration and how the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 have been complied with.

A second phase of formal consultation will take place between 15 March and 11.59pm on 23 April 2018.

This will comprise consultees as listed in Section 42, 43, 44 and 47 of the Act.

Your feedback as a section 47 consultee (a member of the local community) will be taken into account before the Applicant finalises its application to PINs and will also be reported to PINs when the application is submitted.

This phase of consultation will include statutory and technical stakeholders and will be advertised to give the wider public an opportunity to comment on the proposed application.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and so the Applicant will prepare an Environmental Statement to accompany the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Preliminary Environmental Information, the SoCC and other application documentation will be made available for people to inspect on the project website (www.railcentral.com), as well as at the below deposit locations. The SoCC will be available to view from 1 March 2018 and the Preliminary Environmental Information and other application documentation will be available to view from 15 March until 23 April 2018.

Deposit locations for the SoCC: (Please note these opening hours were provided by the venue and are subject to change at their discretion)

LOCATION	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES	LOCATION	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES
Northamptonshire County Council	County Hall, Northampton NN1 1ED	Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5pm	Roade Library	Roade Library, High Street, Roade NN7 2NW	Wednesday: 10am – 2pm; Thursday – Friday: 2pm – 6pm; Sunday: 11am – 2pm
Northampton Borough Council Offices	The One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE	Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm	Towcester Library	Towcester Library, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD	Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm; Saturday: 9am – 5pm; Sunday: 11am – 2pm
Northamptonshire Central Library	Northamptonshire Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton NN1 2BA	Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm; Saturday: 9am – 5pm; Sunday: 11am – 2pm	Hunsbury Library	Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Northampton NN4 0RZ	Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm; Saturday: 9am – 5pm; Sunday: 11am – 2pm

Public exhibitions

The Applicant is holding a series of public exhibitions at local venues close to the site. Members of the Project team will be available to answer questions. Events are planned in the specified locations for the following dates and times:

VENUE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME	VENUE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Walnut Tree Inn	21 Station Road, Blisworth NN7 3DS	Thursday 15 March	2pm – 8pm	South Northamptonshire Council Chamber	The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD	Thursday 22 March	1pm – 7pm
Milton Malsor Village Hall	High Street, Milton Malsor, NN7 3AS	Saturday 17 March	12.30pm – 5.30pm	Milton Malsor Village Hall	High Street, Milton Malsor, NN7 3AS	Friday 23 March	2pm – 8pm
Roade Village Hall	Bailey Brooks Lane, Roade NN7 2LS	Wednesday 21 March	1pm – 7pm	Blisworth Village Hall	19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DB	Saturday 24 March	10am – 4pm

Have your say

Anyone wanting to take part in the Phase Two consultation should provide their feedback in writing. All comments will be considered and reported on in the Consultation Report which will form part of the application submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

There are several ways to provide your feedback:

- Project website:** www.railcentral.com includes the latest project information, updates and core documents as detailed above. An online feedback form is available on the website.
- Project email address:** railcentral@camargue.uk can be used to submit feedback
- Freepost:** the dedicated project freepost address (FREEPOST Rail Central) can be used to request further information, ask questions or submit feedback.

- Project telephone line:** for general enquiries relating to the consultation, call the project line on 0845 543 8967. Note that it is not possible to provide feedback through the consultation line.

If respondents are not able to provide written feedback, we are happy to discuss, on an individual basis, alternative ways for recording feedback.

Please note that comments may be made public and the personal details of respondents may be made available to the Planning Inspectorate and other third parties.

The deadline for all feedback during this phase of the consultation is 23.59pm on Monday 23 April 2018. It may not be possible to fully consider any feedback received after this date.

All feedback provided during the consultation will be considered. The Consultation Report will detail the consultation carried out, summarise the feedback received and demonstrate how the Applicant has had regard to feedback.

Contact us

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0845 543 8967 Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.30pm (please note calls are charged at local rates)

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