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RE: PLANNING APPLICATION NE/22/00151/FUL.

I have been contacted by an extremely large number of my constituents from Titchmarsh, Thrapston and various surrounding villages, in respect of their concerns about the above planning application. As such, I am writing to share their views on this proposal and outline my concern about the strong level of local objection that has been expressed.

As you will see, the central points of objection relate to the potential for the development to exacerbate flood risk as a result of increased ground water run-off. Furthermore, light and noise pollution are expected to increase - a concern heightened by the experience of the large industrial unit constructed at Islip within recent memory and which has undoubtedly had an impact in this regard. These concerns are particularly important owing to the site's proximity (within approximately 3km) to the Titchmarsh Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Risk of harm to rural views, biodiversity and access to nature all feature heavily in the objections expressed in the enclosed correspondence too.

A further concern relates to the impact of the development on local congestion, both during and after construction. Concern centres on the A605 and the A14, with increased usage by HGVs causing disruption. There are also legitimate concerns that there are not sufficient public transport networks in place to be able to service and facilitate such a large development adequately, particularly due to the requirement for workforce requirements to be transported into the area.

More broadly, I would also take this opportunity to urge NNC to ensure that a thorough, formal assessment is made of employment land and associated needs across North Northamptonshire, to ensure that development can tie in with actual, demonstrable need and that the local planning policies clearly reflect where development of this sort is appropriate and where it is not. Essentially, the local authority should be very clear in encouraging industrial development to be prioritised on brownfield land, rather than speculatively on greenfield sites, such as in this instance.

I have enclosed with this letter copies of the weighty relevant self-explanatory correspondence from my constituents. I would therefore be most grateful if you could ensure that these concerns are properly considered by councillors when determining this application and that due weight be given to them.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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