

Stage 2 Consultation

Northampton Gateway SRFI Comments Tracker																							
Document No.	Name	Also consulted under S44 (S43)?	Street	Town/Village	Overall Clear Objection	Overall Clear Support	Reason for Objection or Comments										Additional Comments	Changes made in response to issues raised?	Consultant Team Comment				
							Yes/No Responses - Questions 1, 2 and 3 on Consultation Form (if relevant)																
Q1 - Yes	Q1 - No	Q2 - Yes	Q2 - No	Q3 - Yes	Q3 - No	Commented previously - Document Number	Prefer this over Rail Central	Increase amount/height of screening/fences	General Traffic Concerns: Access/egress / impact & suggestions	Pollution Concerns (light, noise, air)	Loss of amenity/quality of life for village residents / not beneficial	Scheme NOT necessary / Not needed (DIRFT) DO NOT support	Scheme IS required / Support the proposal	Safety / security for public / HGV drivers / baristas	Building/ Down't too close to Village	Disagree with location	Concern over Capacity/Proposals (incl rail capacity)	Support for Roadside Bypass green route	Support for Roadside Bypass blue route	Object to Roadside Bypass			
CR2 01	Patricia McCloskey				1						1										J15 is a nightmare at the best of times and I will probably lose my job if you start work here it's like the Heathrow pt on the M25 locked great on paper but it just causes chaos. The bypass worries me most - it's just an extra road and will do absolutely nothing to alleviate traffic. At the point of a meeting the A508 we have 2 lanes into which always causes delays. I don't make sense. The route you have a road joining another road in such short distance I will be a mess like the M25 at Heathrow - 3 lanes had delays but with 5 lanes twice the delay. Every time you add and then take away a lane it doubles the delay. Regards PS If the bypass goes ahead will walkers be able to cross this road? Can you not just do this at J17 or 18??? Why can't you do it there?		The issues raised about potential local highways effects are noted - the potential impacts at local junctions were an important consideration in the Transport Assessment and a full Highways Mitigation Strategy formed part of the Stage 2 (and Further Stage 3) consultation processes. It shows that traffic conditions and queuing are much improved, with benefits for a large number of local routes and communities. The Bypass includes retained and diverted bicycle and footpath links, including an end-panels.
CR2 02	Paul Smith									1	1				1						Surely the Bypass further away from the village is better. Would the green route entail less noise, air & light pollution to the properties closest to the bypass? Were routes the other side of the village considered? - they may be more logical. Noise, light & air pollution already exists due to the proximity of the M1 and with all the new housing development on that side of the village a bypass there would help with the extra domestic traffic generated from these developments.		Bypass routes to the east of Roadside are not favoured due to additional environmental constraints, including more sensitive landscape and local views identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, and due to highways considerations in dialogue with NCC. The air, noise and lighting effects of the Bypass are assessed in the ES, and all potential significant effects can be addressed and mitigated.
CR2 03	Jo Williams									1	1				1						Having seen the newsletter I have concerns about the proposed 'blue route' for the bypass. I feel this route is far too close to the houses on the edge of the village and would have an environmental impact on my quality of life - i.e. noise. I live at this end of the village and currently do not suffer from road noise, unlike properties on the other side of the A508. It is difficult to tell but I feel that the 'green route' may be better as it is further away from the houses. An explanation of the reasoning behind the difference in environmental impacts of the routes would be useful.		The Transport Assessment includes a Bypass Route Options Report - the preferred route would have lesser effects on an area of grassland habitats, and slightly reduced visual and landscape effects.
CR2 04	Dean Atwood									1											Re traffic coming through roads. It might be worth contemplating putting in traffic slowing measures through the village which would discourage traffic from using Roadside as a quicker route		Suggestion noted. Traffic calming measures are often not popular with local residents. In any event, the traffic modelling shows that the bypass would attract through-traffic out of the village centre (with air quality and noise benefits).
CR2 05	Glenn Dudman					1															Plans on web and posted newsletter are too small to be read properly, and cannot be sized up at all can we get some better copies produced please. I am pro scheme		Dialogue was entered into with Mr Dudman by email and telephone.
CR2 06	Hywel H Davis										1										I am a SNV District Council, but writing as a Roadside resident. The July Newsletter gives a very clear view and information as to your proposed application. As I mentioned at the Annual Roadside Parish Meeting, your route options for the potential Roadside by-pass does not favour the route that residents would rather be provided. Your Newsletter states the 'Green route' is considered to have a greater environmental impact but I understand the economics of a longer by-pass not being acceptable. You should consider people rather than economic returns. You would have more local support in Roadside if you chose the outer Green route. However, the inner Blue route would cause (in my personal opinion) considerable harm to the oldest house in the village of Roadside regardless as to what ever other landowners have possibly agreed to. I look forward to hearing further from you at your Autumn public meeting.		The Transport Assessment includes a Bypass Route Options Report - the preferred route would have lesser effects on an area of grassland habitats, and slightly reduced visual and landscape effects. The local effects of the Bypass on local properties have been fully considered, and mitigation measures (planting, mounding and fencing) are proposed to minimise the effects. Part of the bypass is in cutting (the southern section) The benefits to Roadside in terms of reduced congestion, reduced noise and air quality improvements in the centre of the village are significant. Residual effects on properties on the edge of the village are not significant.
CR2 07	Mr P R Hardy																				If the Blue Route is preferred, who says so? Would obviously be cheaper than the Green route as it is shorter and will cost less. Other than that it is only fields being crossed anyway.		The Transport Assessment includes a Bypass Route Options Report - the preferred route would have lesser effects on an area of grassland habitats, and slightly reduced visual and landscape effects. The benefits to Roadside in terms of reduced congestion, reduced noise and air quality improvements in the centre of the village are significant. Residual effects on properties on the edge of the village are not significant.
CR2 08	Hayley & George Drake		Dovecot Road			1				1	1		1	1	1						For many years my husband and I have discussed the idea of a bypass. Although we both agree it is a good thing for the village we can't help but think it is too close to the edge of Roadside. On your map both options seem to split either Hyde Farm, Black Farm or some small businesses and homes. How would the bypass travel through those? Would it cut through the farmland or via a bridge? We are concerned about the noise level during the construction and from the heavy traffic using it. We are happy with the idea of Strategic rail freight interchange as it will bring jobs to Northampton. We fully understand that it will at first during its construction cause many inconveniences but our biggest fear is having a bypass at the end of our road.		Support for the SRFI is noted and welcomed. The benefits from the bypass to Roadside in terms of reduced congestion, reduced noise and air quality improvements in the centre of the village are significant. Residual effects on properties on the edge of the village are not significant.
CR2 09	Frank Bedford																				I see in the Sign, News Letter that you are holding an open day at Grey's Cliff Shop & Deli. It would be helpful to know where this is.		These comments submitted in error to the Northampton Gateway address.
CR2 10	Ian Marlow					1							1								As a long term resident of Grange Park I full support the development - it will not only bring much needed job opportunities but will also create an improved Junction 15 that is needed.		Support noted and welcomed.
CR2 11	Tony Barrett		Deans Lodge 4 Deans Row	Gayton																	On the update newsletter it is a great pity that the Master plan, Route Bypass and the Map on Page 3 (layout) is printed with such small letters that the majority is illegible even with a magnifying glass.		The newsletter/leaflets are intended to raise awareness, but the scale does need to reflect the realities of distributing information by post to around 6000 addresses. However, all of the Plans and Maps included on the leaflet/newsletters are also on-line and can be viewed at large-scale.
CR2 12	Mark Anley	S42	Bailey Brooks Lane									1									I wish to lodge objections to the proposed planning intention as outlined on the notice placed on the lamp post regarding the possible use of the lane and possible compulsory purchase a section of the lane for Northampton Gate Way and the purchasing of that land outlined in the notice.		Mr Anley was asked to see the Section 42 plan to receive future updates direct by letter. His comments relate to land purchase issues. Objection also noted.
CR2 13	Kevin Hicks																				Having attended the public consultation at the Hilton Hotel yesterday the 9th of October, I am still not happy that traffic to and from this proposed site that connects with the A43 will not use the route through Blisworth as an even greater risk than we have at present. The traffic must be stopped from doing so, even to the point of closing the junction at Travecot road to the A43. Whilst this will inconvenience many, I see it as a small price to pay to return the village to the quiet back water it should be and not to approach it as becomes. I know that there is pressure from the local council to get the crossover junctions closed along the A43 anyway. I will leave the technical argument to the people that have knowledge of this but the traffic situation is a major concern to me.		The issues raised about potential local highways effects are noted - the potential impacts at local junctions were an important consideration in the Transport Assessment and a full Highways Mitigation Strategy formed part of the Stage 2 (and Further Stage 3) consultation processes. It shows that traffic conditions and queuing are much improved, with benefits for a large number of local routes and communities. Road-planting in Blisworth and elsewhere is expected to reduce the effects of the Highways Mitigation measures and infrastructure improvements.
CR2 14	Miranda Glass																				Having attended what was a very enlightening exhibition, I was advised by one of your people to visit your website for current and proposed Traffic Figures and Air Pollution and noise levels for the area within 300 Metres of the Proposed site. Unfortunately I have been unable to locate them, so could you please forward these to me.		A response was sent to Mr Glass direct from the Air Quality consultant.
CR2 15	Sally Coxford											1									I would like to see my objection to this proposal. As a long term villager in Collingtree, I understandably have the thought of such a development on my doorstep. However my real objection is how anyone can think that increasing the volume of traffic onto the M1 by such a huge amount could possibly be a good idea. The M1 has been at a standstill for lengthy periods, either due to severe congestion or lanes being shut, many times a week for months now. This adds to congestion and long delays on all the surrounding major and minor routes. No matter how much improvement is made to Junction 15 the resulting 'significantly improved capacity' will only add to the surrounding congestion, so I fail to see how this will serve 'the needs of the local communities'.		The issues raised about potential local highways effects are noted - the potential impacts at local junctions were an important consideration in the Transport Assessment and a full Highways Mitigation Strategy formed part of the Stage 2 (and Further Stage 3) consultation processes. It shows that traffic conditions and queuing are much improved, with benefits for a large number of local routes and communities.
CR2 16	Mary Korzeniwicko		Dovecot Road																		I would like to make it clear that the plans for the by-pass are too close to the village. Air pollution will be 'sandwiched' for houses to breathe in between A508 and bypass. Widening of A508 for more traffic, and putting in single lane bypass will in no time be gridlocked with traffic as it is now with just A508. It is hard enough to get out of this village with more traffic going through and a bypass will not be any easier as soon as an accident on either Road (even if not serious) more vehicles will use other road and more shops, Antibus's, police, fire brigade will get to our village. Roadside is not needed here and bypass not needed. Also I live at 48 Dovecot Road Roadside will be compensated for my view pollution/noise be taken into account? Moved here for my young son to breathe clean air.		The Transport Assessment includes a Bypass Route Options Report. The local effects of the Bypass on local properties have been fully considered, and mitigation measures (planting, mounding and fencing) are proposed to minimise the effects. Part of the bypass is in cutting (the southern section). The benefits to Roadside in terms of reduced congestion, reduced noise and air quality improvements in the centre of the village are significant. Residual effects on properties on the edge of the village will not be significant, including air quality, and localised changes to noise levels will remain below significant levels.
CR2 17	Chris Dancer												1								1. Proposals are contrary to local plan. 2. There is already sufficient local fill use site capacity at DIRFT and other nearby sites. 3. no unemployment issues in South Northants, workers would have to commute. 4. low skilled jobs created, with increasing automation in distribution industry. 5. freight via rail is unsustainable in UK and WCML is 'at capacity' for commuters. 6. scheme will generate significant HGV movements onto the local 'at capacity' road network. 7. home shopping distribution is killing traditional retail and town centres. 8. growth in home shopping distribution increases HGV movements with uncontrolled returns policies etc. 9. distribution shed business rates are not in line with the impact based on local communities. 10. very significant opposition from the public in all local villages, towns and communities, and from all local politicians and MPs.		These detailed and varied points are noted, and all relate to the information provided as part of the application. Planning and other policy issues are included in the Planning Statement (point 1). Market and economy issues are covered in the ES, and the Market Analysis Report, including regarding shifts and employment (points 2 - 4), and includes consideration of issues relating to DIRFT and the wider network of SRFI's needed to meet national policy. The Transport Assessment shows the significant transport benefits which would be delivered locally by the proposals (point 6). Rail and capacity issues are dealt with in Rail Reports (point 5). Local impacts are dealt with in full in the Environmental Statement (point 9). Point 8 is noted as an observation or comment about larger economic and societal trends. Comments received by the Applicant are presented in this Consultation Report (point 10).
CR2 18	Chris Dancer																				following your recent public exhibitions I wish to registered my continued objection. You gave very short advance notice of the exhibitions - low turnout do not mean local people are complacent. You have a negative public awareness campaign with your signage of venues, lack of publicity and limited, inconvenient opening times. Misleading information has been used on the exhibition boards with selective paraphrasing of policies and market studies. Vast volumes of technical information were released, but whole sections relevant to numerous local communities were missing, and any summaries provided were too short and simplistic to be of any use. Fundamentally, these proposals provide NO community or national benefits, whilst delivering a devastating impact on the whole of this South Northants area.		Comments regarding the consultation process are noted, including criticisms both for providing too much information, and for providing summaries to help reduce the need to provide large amounts of information. The exhibition material reflected the awareness ES and other information, with work ongoing, and this was made clear. The information was final, or complete, with views sought on the emerging information led ongoing work, and the consultation process served useful in resolving key local issues, concerns, and questions. The final application provides a full ES, including a non-technical summary, with a final Planning Statement, and Market Analysis Report, all of which will be available for further comments through the Examination process.
CR2 19	Tony Marsh																				Long email containing several technical questions about the emerging Transport Assessment (TA) findings and data - in summary: 1. I have struggled to find Table 8, but am keen to discuss further the likely levels of in and outward traffic to the site, particularly regarding potential issues around shift changes. It seems this will be managed through management of shift times which is good and should earn you credit. 2. The emergency crossing over the M1 could be used with noise controlled gates to make it easier to use. 3. Consideration of grade separated Fyvers should be considered at the M1 J15 improvements. 4. Should consider widening Knock Lane to aid 2 way traffic.	YES - Highways mitigation includes knock lane widening	Responses were sent to Mr Marsh with responses to his technical queries from the Transport consultant in October, and a series of emails with questions and responses were sent over several weeks into November. These included the Table 8 data, and directed him to Technical Note 2 re: trip generation which was part of the draft ES. The response confirmed that the worst-case peak hour traffic had been assessed to ensure a robust assessment was produced - this does not coincide with shift changes which are usually outside of this peak.
CR2 20	Maggie Petch																				Due to a health problem I missed the series of exhibitions - I do however have the delivered leaflet. I live on Grangewood a small cut-de-acc of Hilltop Road, and just above Rowtree Road. I am horrified at the scheme for reasons of air pollution and traffic concentration as we often have difficulty leaving our road. My additional (and for me catastrophic worry) is the alteration to the roundabout at M1 Junction 15. To regulate to the Hilton Hotel where (and many others) go to the gym several times a week we have currently to (with difficulty by crossing 3 lanes of fast traffic) join A45 towards the motorway and then go round the Junction 15 roundabout to reach the opposite A45 carriageway, and thence back to the Hilton. With the proposed changes to that junction, it looks as if this manoeuvre would be impossible. It is bad enough being forced, as at present, to go around a motorway roundabout when you do not need the motorway, but to use Northampton's new Spaghetti Junction would seem dangerously foolhardy. Has no thought been given to the many local inhabitants who regularly make this manoeuvre.		The improvements to Junction 15 will improve the experience for residents from Grange Park as a result of signalisation, and additional capacity within the Junction, including the movement described heading north on the A45.
CR2 21	Mark Redding												1								Selective and misleading references to planning policies, national policy statement network/logistics studies. Main concerns as follows: 1. locally misrepresents the local planning policy. 2. Your reference to the AECOM and Arup Study Future Potential for Modal Shift in the UK Rail Freight Market 2016 has failed to make reference to the other nine factors that need to come together to facilitate a modal shift: the building of rail connected warehouses is but one of the necessary facilitators in a complicated economic environment. Your simplification of the current transitional state of the rail freight market is highly misleading. 3. CIVA Logistics Study March 2017. Paragraph 3.4 refers to a study commissioned by South Northamptonshire District Council. 4. Paragraph 3.6 quotes NPS NN 2.53 which refers to 'improving the quality of life in the communities'. 5. Paragraph 3.7 quotes only part of NPS NN 2.56 'a compelling need for an expanded network of SRFI's'. 6. Paragraph 3.27 'Commercially successful rail terminals already exist close to each other in the West Midlands and despite some overlap of core catchment areas they continue to increase the volume of goods handled by rail year on year'. This comparison is not valid. 7. I believe a major omission in the literature is a failure to reference NPS NN 2.50. 8. Paragraph 3.21 'Furthermore SRFI's must be located where the demand is greatest, in particular locations where there is a concentration of logistics space, particularly NDC's'. The NPS NN makes no reference to being close to logistics space or NDC's. I merely states 'near to the business markets they will serve'. The NPS is being misquoted. 9. No reference to NPS NN 5.168. Where possible, developments should be on previously developed (brownfield) sites provided that it is not of high environmental value. No attempt has been made to identify brownfield sites that may better satisfy Government aspirations.		The alternative interpretation and summary of the NPS is noted, but there was no intention to mislead - the Applicants Planning Statement provides an assessment of the policy context for the proposals, including an NPS Compliance Assessment. The Application sets out how the proposals relate to the wider Market (see the Market Analysis Report), including in the context of a national network envisaged by the NPS. An alternative sites assessment forms part of the application material. The NPS relies upon the private sector taking a lead in the delivery of SRFI's, and the Applicant brings substantial experience of the logistics and distribution market, and now submits the application for Examination as a positive, sustainable response to the need for an expanded network of SRFI's. Also see comments in response to Stage 1 ref 56 which respond to many of the same issues.
CR2 22	Pat Hargreaves																				You propose to make Dovecot Road a left hand turn only going towards June 15. This would mean that all traffic that once turned right to follow Keynes would then have to travel through the village to go either down the Knock Lane route (which is very narrow and not fit for more traffic) or go through Stoke Bruerne again over a small humped back bridge. (again not fit for more traffic). But most worryingly all traffic would be forced through the centre of the village and through Stoke Road. Stoke Road is already a rat run and extremely busy, it is made up of residential properties, mostly listed, one cottage even appears in the Domesday Book, it also has the local Doctors, older people already find it difficult to cross the road. Your proposal would increase the traffic in an already very sensitive area ten fold. I think you seriously need to re-think your routes.		The issues raised about potential local highways effects are noted - the potential impacts at local junctions were an important consideration in the Transport Assessment and a full Highways Mitigation Strategy formed part of the Stage 2 (and Further Stage 3) consultation processes. It shows that traffic conditions and queuing are much improved, with benefits for a large number of local routes and communities.
CR2 23	Mark Hudson																				I live in the local area (NN7 postcode) and think this proposal is a good idea provided: a) Roadside village definitely receives its bypass on the A508 and most importantly, b) a passenger station should be constructed between the Northampton line and Weedon line of the VCM, linked by road to the proposed double A508 leading to J15. Such a station should have platforms on both branches of the railway (subject to levels issues being overcome). This Parkway would provide enormous benefit to the local community as well as providing a station which can better serve the southern part of the Northampton urban area and surrounding villages. This would also provide a greater PR benefit for the project as a whole by enabling it to be seen as providing a facility for the local community, and not 'just another warehouse park'.	YES - clarification re: infrastructure phasing and commitments	The comments of support subject to commitments regarding delivery and phasing of highways infrastructure are noted, and welcomed. The final application confirms the Applicant's commitment to delivering the highways infrastructure, including the Bypass, early in the construction programme, and clear triggers for delivery are now proposed and secured in the proposed DCO (and have been subject to discussion with SNC). The proposed inclusion of a passenger Parkway Station do not form part of the proposal.

