

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Rail Freight consultation plans laid out**

A document setting out what the public consultation for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange will look like has been released by developers.

Tritax Symmetry has today published how it will consult on the Rail Freight Interchange proposals, which will begin on Wednesday 12 January for a period of eight weeks. Information can be found at [www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk/](http://www.hinckleynrfi.co.uk/).

Blaby District Council is a statutory consultee and will not be deciding the application. Due to the size of the proposed development it is classed as a "Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project" and any decision will be made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange proposals include Industrial and Storage/Distribution units and a rail port with access from Junction 2 of the M69. The site is within the boundaries of Blaby District Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, and is located south-west of the village of Elmesthorpe.

In the Statement of Community Consultation, Tritax Symmetry will highlight their plans for the consultation, which will include a detailed website and consultation form for residents in the affected area to have their say.

The consultation will include a number of face-to-face and virtual public events for people to take a look at the plans and talk to Tritax Symmetry representatives.

Councillor Terry Richardson, Leader of Blaby District Council, said: "This is an important time for residents, as this Statement of Community Consultation shows how and when Tritax will be engaging people to have their say.

"We are urging everyone to get ready for Wednesday 12 January when the consultation launches, so time can be taken to review the information, and give as many people as possible opportunity to make their views heard. We have been clear with Tritax that they should share as much information as possible at the earliest possible opportunity, to ensure that residents feel genuinely consulted and engaged."

"We know the scale and size of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange is concerning for many residents, and we want to make it clear that whilst we will not be deciding any application, Officers and Councillors will be spending a significant amount of time over the next year and more reviewing the plans before offering our own detailed response to the Planning Inspectorate."

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