

Rail Central: Consultation announced



Section 47(6) Planning Act 2008

NOTICE OF DEPOSIT – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Rail Central is a proposed new strategic rail freight interchange in Northamptonshire. The 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.

Ashfield Land (the Applicant) has placed on deposit for inspection (free of charge) at the locations listed below a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). This is for Rail Central, a new strategic rail freight interchange (the Project). The SoCC explains how the Applicant will consult on the Project with the local community, residents, businesses and organisations in the area.

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 Applicant is required to consult with local communities before the application is submitted

to the Planning Inspectorate. 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.

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 will be made available for people to inspect at the locations listed below, as well as at www.railcentral.com

The SOCC can be viewed at:

LOCATION	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES
Northamptonshire County Council	County Hall, Northampton NN1 1ED	Monday – Friday: 8am – 5.30pm
Northampton Borough Council Offices	The One Stop Shop, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE	Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm
Northamptonshire Central Library	Northamptonshire Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton NN1 2BA	Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm; Saturday: 9am – 5pm; Sunday: 11am – 4pm

LOCATION	ADDRESS	OPENING TIMES
Roade Library	Roade Library, High Street, Roade NN7 2NW	Wednesday – Friday: 2pm – 6pm; Saturday: 10am – 2pm; Sunday: 1pm – 4pm
Towcester Library	Towcester Library, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD	Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm; Saturday: 9am – 5pm; Sunday: 1pm – 4pm

* Please note these opening hours were provided by the venue and are subject to change at the discretion of the venue. Visitors are advised to confirm opening times directly with the venue when planning to visit.

Public exhibitions

Starting this April, we will be inviting the local community to take part in the formal pre-application consultation process so that people can find out more about the project, view the plans, input to the proposals, and register comments and opinions.

Feedback received will help to inform the application for the project to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. This consultation programme has been developed in discussion with Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and South Northamptonshire Council.

We will be holding a number of public exhibitions so that people can find out more, view the plans, and register comments and opinions. Information will also be available on our website and at the locations specified above. **The dates for the exhibitions are:**

VENUE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Walnut Tree Inn	21 Station Road, Blisworth NN7 3DS	Thursday 28 April 2016	12pm – 8pm
Walnut Tree Inn	21 Station Road, Blisworth NN7 3DS	Friday 6 May 2016	12pm – 8pm
Blisworth Village Hall	19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DB	Saturday 7 May 2016	11am – 4pm
Roade Village Hall	Bailey Brooks Lane, Roade NN7 2LT	Friday 13 May 2016	11am – 5pm

VENUE	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Collingtree Village Hall	The High Street, Collingtree NN4 0NQ	Saturday 14 May 2016	11am – 4pm
Towcester Town Hall	The Town Hall, 86 Watling Street, Towcester, NN12 6BS	Wednesday 18 May 2016	12pm – 8pm
Milton Malsor Village Hall	High Street, Milton Malsor, NN7 3AS	Friday 20 May 2016	12pm – 8pm
Blisworth Village Hall	19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DB	Saturday 21 May 2016	11am – 4pm

Have your say

We have set up a number of ways to help ensure local communities and other interested parties can provide feedback. This includes:

- **Project website:** the project website (www.railcentral.com) includes the latest project information, updates and core documents as detailed above. An online feedback system is available on the website.
- **Project email address:** the project email address (railcentral@camargue.uk) is monitored regularly and can be used to request further information, ask questions or 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:** the project telephone line (0845 543 8967) can be used for general enquiries relating to the consultation. Local residents and other interested parties can request information by telephoning the project telephone line. However, it is not possible to provide feedback through the consultation line.

The deadline for all feedback during this phase of the consultation is Friday 30 September 2016. Any feedback received after this date may not be included.

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 Ashfield Land has had regard to feedback

Following the consultation, the plans will be finalised and an application is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2017.

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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