

REPRESENTATION 1 – Ian Robertson

“Good afternoon Gentlemen,

I write to in you advance of the rescheduled meeting on 18th December re Magna Park expansion.

We all know the inspector rejected the plan for reason such as not sufficient evidence to support such a large scale development and it could not be proven to be non-harmful to local residents. It doesn't matter how long it takes to find this evidence I cannot see how anyone can possibly prove it would not be harmful to local residents.

However, let's consider something else that I, and no doubt others, will have pointed out to the inspector as a material change since the hearings in the Hangar at Bruntingthorpe.

The material change is the development now underway from the Hinckley Island Hotel southwards. Take out a map and follow the A5 all the way from the M69 to halfway between the Magna Park roundabout and the Gibbet Roundabout (where Symmetry will end) now image that being a continuous wall of warehousing baring the 2.5 mile gap between the Lutterworth Road in Burbage (where the Burbage development ends) and the Bittesby Stables where this proposed Magna Park extension would start. Surely this cannot sit comfortably.

Better still drive it and imagine what it will be like for those of us who have to cross the A5 every day at High Cross, Smockington Hollow and Woodway Lane, not a pleasant experience now let alone when the additional lorry traffic is on it.

Another district they say but remember noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution, dumped rubbish in lay-bys, heavy vehicle traffic etc. are no respecters of district boundaries; they will all impact on local communities irrespective of the district they started in.

I could go on but the arguments have been made many times over.

Neil, I heard you speak passionately against the DHL development site 2 years ago so please stand up again and make sure the councillors are standing up for Harborough District residents on the edge of the district not just the interest of developers.

Mr. Keeping I understand in your role in Democratic Services you will circulate this note to all council colleagues, thank you, and I look forward to hearing the debate in the chamber on 18th December.

Thankyou for your consideration

Regards

Ian”