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Dear Miss O'Neill

Re: Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

Thank you for your email dated 25 February 2022.

I am most grateful for your swift response to my query, but of course disappointed the process does not allow me to meet the Secretary of State on this topic, I of course understand.

Your comments will be most valuable to inform my work at Westminster as well as in Bosworth about an increasingly key concern for many of my constituents especially near to Burbage Common near Hinckley. I will encourage my constituents to take part in the consultation, but they are expecting targeted representations from their MP. To that end, I would be grateful for your comments about the following:

- An understanding of the overall process to consider the National Freight Interchange at Hinckley including bodies involved in the process, the decision making process and indicative timescales, and the role an MP can play in representing the views of their constituents both formally and informally.
- I understand your point about the protocol, procedures and therefore difficulties in meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport, but I am keen therefore to explore what avenues and steps are available to me as the MP for Bosworth to make targeted representations about this proposal.

I would be grateful for your further comments and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Dr Luke Evans

Member of Parliament for Bosworth