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Sent: 30 December 2011 16:06  
To: Chris Howsham  
Subject: Appeal by helioslough appeal ref: 2109433

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of St Albans Civic Society. The Society asks the Inspector to consider and take into account three material changes since the application was last considered at appeal, viz:

- 1) the declared intention of nearby local authorities to support a Strategic Rail Freight Terminal near Luton, albeit on the same Midland Mainline.
- 2) the fact that the M25 has now been widened on the sections near the appeal site. This has removed a significant capacity restraint and will inevitably result in material increase in traffic on local road network. We question whether this has been properly addressed in previous studies.
- 3) The capacity of the rail network has come to be recognised as increasingly under strain. Most recently, this was forcibly expressed in an article in the Daily Telegraph on the 20th December.

The Society remains opposed to the SRFI, and supports STRIFE in its objection.

Thank you for your assistance.

Peter Trevalyan (Vice-Chair, St Albans Civic Society)

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