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Question to the planning inspectorate at the Preliminary Meeting for HNRFI
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As a District Council we have always been supportive of appropriate major development as illustrated by the new village being built at Lubbethorpe, the extension to Fosse retail park and the development of Everards Meadows amongst several others.

However, it is essential in such cases that.

1. The determining body have all the information on which to make such a decision.
2. As a democracy residents feel they have been able to make their voice heard after due consultation.

In this case it is clear that.

1. The highways information produced by the Applicant that is currently with Leicestershire County Council for consideration is currently incomplete, which means that the impacts of the scheme have not been properly considered and the mitigation required is unknown. I am more than happy to elaborate here on those elements which have not been met, however it must be noted that the County has unanimously and exceptionally passed two formal motions at full Council condemning the lack of the necessary information.
2. Even more importantly the parties who need to make appropriate representation especially ourselves as the Elected councillors and most importantly our residents and businesses must have time to consider such information as part of a thorough consultation. To do otherwise would be to condone a completely flawed consultation process.

In my opinion therefore you are only left with two options namely.

- For the examination not to be formally opened and not to proceed. However, if due to procedural considerations you do open the examination it should be immediately paused whilst the highways position is finalised and appropriate consultation takes place, or
- Request the applicant to withdraw the application until such time as it can be represented in the correct manner.

We are always asked in public life to consider under the Nolan principles how an ordinary person would view any process and on every level this process is incomplete and flawed and I would therefore urge you to request the applicant to withdraw this application.

Signed by the Leader of Blaby DC

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Supported by the Planning Portfolio Holder

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