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Dear Ms Taplin,

Further to my letter of objection of 12/6/06 to aspects of Felkstone Branch Line and Ipswich Yard improvement, I would like to make the following additional points to be considered at the Enquiry commencing 13/3/07.

I have been written to twice by Mr Andrew Cann of HPUK. I am pleased that site buildings will only be present for 11 months - not years as I suspected. If everything except the necessary washing facility is moved away from the round - about and local roads, to a point next to the railway line as he asserts, I will also be pleased. However this leaves two issues in my letter that HPUK have not answered.

- 1) I asked for assurance that the access from the link road to the railway works will not in future become a new access for HGV's to the docks. I still would like this assurance.
- 2) I referred to pressure on the environment. I have received no response to this point. I would like to enlarge upon it and have it considered by the enquiry.

Of course it makes sense to transfer congesting road traffic to an effective rail system

However HPUK's proposals and willingness to pay are nothing more than commercial enterprise and self interest. There is no philanthropy here.

They intend to expand their operations and profits as much as possible. In doing so they will dredge ever wider, deeper, deep water channels, the ports will take over more and more vulnerable wetlands and wild habitats, pollution will increase + possible oil spills, wrecking the coast, both road and rail will become strained. Even when the railway has taken more off the road, the A14 will be more congested than it is now, HPUK will not be interested in the big picture. That is our responsibility.

At this very moment, experts around the world are demanding change, warning of dire consequences if mankind continues to increase in numbers and blindly pursue the current policy of more and ever more. We have little time left. The evidence is strong.

Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council have for years been mesmerised by the power and success of Felixstowe Port and offers no resistance to its relentless expansion. No help there! What is happening on the Felixstowe peninsula and far, far wider is an unfolding environmental nightmare driven by blind greed.

So I ask - what constructive contribution will this Enquiry make to a vital, global debate?

How can HPUK's ambitions be co-ordinated and restrained in a framework of national and inter-national planning and change which might just help our grandchildren to have a life. A goal far more important than the profits of HPUK. Determining permission on the basis of a little vibration or local flooding due to a rail embankment is not enough at this turning point in history. How what is happening in China and it's repercussions on our delicate society and environment may be more relevant now than ever before.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my views to all at the enquiry and look forward to it's conclusions.

Yours Sincerely

Bob Ellis