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Good morning, I do not usually get involved in this type of issue but would like, on this occasion to share my thoughts.

As a professional Class 1 HGV driver and a resident of Hornton since 1967 I have some serious concerns regarding the proposed transport route to Hornton Grounds.

Firstly however as I'm sure you've had all the environmental issues I won't add too much but are you aware of all the natural springs on the north facing valley side from stretching from Bell street - Holloway - West end and beyond that are fed from the water table adjacent to the proposed site? If there is a leak, no matter how serious then need I say more?

\*HGV driver concerns.

I have been driving 16.5 metre (55ft) vehicles in motorsport for 13 years. During the first lockdown I gave my services delivering hospital beds etc and as a key worker delivering tankers ( photos attached) not however 'super tankers' which I believe are larger.

\*HAZARDS arriving and returning to and from M40 junction 11

1. Pass through heavy traffic area Tesco's, the retail park, McDonalds
2. Hazardous right turn at Warwick road shops.
3. Pass by Drayton school (children crossing etc)
4. Hazardous right turn by Wroxton house Hotel.

\* On return journey a vehicle this size needs to cross into on-coming traffic right across to the opposite curb to make the turn.

5. Pass close to Wroxton primary school.

\*HAZARDS arriving and returning via M40 junction 15.

1. Small roundabouts passing retail area to the north of Wellesbourne.
2. \*\*\*\*\* After turning left from the A429 onto A422 entering Ettington the driver will encounter one of the most serious areas. There are always parked cars on the left side when you are travelling south. You have on- coming traffic, a primary school on the left and a busy shop on the right.
3. SUNRISING HILL. A nightmare for fully laden HGV's. A steep incline often wet or frosty with risk of heavy vehicles losing grip or control whilst descending towards you. Plus heavily laden agricultural vehicles slowing uphill traffic, often to a standstill.
4. This point I can only assume. The drivers may be delivering on a price per load basis rather than an hourly rate? If this is the case then this will unfortunately add to 'risk taking' from drivers?

In my opinion this all points to the risk of a serious , life threatening incident occurring.

This type of depot from a Driver and a safety point of view needs to be close to a motorway junction, with

infrastructure that can support a speedy response from emergency vehicles. (We sadly had a house fire in the village this summer and it was 40 minutes before the first fire engine arrived.

The proposed site is not just an environmental issue but a citizen's safety issue which you, the planners will be responsible for in the oncoming years.

If you would like to send a representative, then I am totally happy to take them for a drive in one of my HGV vehicles (without a tanker connected!) along the proposed routes, just so they envisage the potential hazards listed above.

Regards.

Mark Bowes.

Photos of the type of vehicle I had experience of during first lockdown.





Sent from my iPhone  
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