

FDOG August Update

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We hope you've all enjoyed the summer break. While the FDOG team took a short break from campaigning, Frampton's, the planning consultants representing the developers, were hard at work. In August, they uploaded new documents which addressed objections from the Local Lead Flood Authority, Canal & River Trust, Anglian Water and the Bedford Drainage Board. Their aim? To dismantle the barriers that previously stood in the way of development. We now await the agencies' formal responses to see whether their objections will be upheld or withdrawn. The deadline for submitting comments on the planning portal has been extended to 14th September 2025. If you haven't yet shared your views, now is the time.

In more positive news, just after our last update went to print, West Northamptonshire Council's Ecology Department uploaded a compelling response. They reviewed not only the developers' proposals, but also the ecological evidence submitted by Bioscan (commissioned by FDOG), and expert feedback from The Wildlife Trust and Buglife.

Their findings are clear:

- The site's ecological value cannot be offset or replaced.
- The area of Open Mosaic Habitat qualifies for Local Wildlife Site status.
- Development would conflict with the South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2.

This recognition confirms that the site is not only biologically important, it is officially protected. It strengthens our case for refusal and validates the community's concerns, backed by planning policy.

Following the controversial DHL decision at Towcester, overturned at appeal despite overwhelming local opposition, we've now learned that DHL has sold the AL1 site to warehouse developer Panattoni for a substantial profit. This revelation exposes their claims of delivering high-quality, skilled local employment as nothing more than a strategic ploy to secure planning approval. In response, Local MP Sarah Bool has launched a petition to ensure communities are no longer sidelined in planning decisions. Whatever your political views, if you believe in fair and democratic planning, please take a moment to sign: www.sarahbool.uk/campaigns/make-local-voices-heard-our-planning-system

Thanks to three generous anonymous benefactors, our campaign fund has received a welcome boost. But we still need more to continue our work. Whether it's £5, £50, or more every donation helps us protect our local environment. To contribute, visit: www.stop3000trucks.org

All of us on the FDOG Steering Committee appreciate your support and encouragement. For more information, please send us an email: info@stop3000trucks.org or visit www.stop3000trucks.org