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I have lived in the B area for 47 years; currently live in Barrington Hills. The natural beauty of our area is amazing – due to 5 acre zoning. Many years worked to contain and preserve the B areas – citizens for conservation group, many volunteers in many years of work have restored oak savans, prairies, meadows to their natural state. These restored areas are nationally and internationally recognized for the work that has been done. I would hate to see some freight train have a disasterous accident (gases, materials, etc) that would ruin this area that people have worked very hard to maintain.

The other concern is the public safety of this. Two main roads (SR 59 and Lake Cook road/County Line) – south of the village (SR 68 and 62) converge or run the perimeter. Traffic in this area is already tremendously congested. Many people travel through the B area who do not live here. If this deal goes through I cannot imagine how much worse it will be – you'll just have a huge gridlock in all directions.

To get to any major hospital in the area you have to navigate the traffic congestion – freight trains – no matter the direction of travel – will block travel to all local hospitals. Police cars needing to get to a crisis will also be blocked.

I don't see anything positive coming out of this. For our community it would be all set backs – all negative issues. For a foreign company that isn't even part of the United States that benefits Canadian National, whoever they are. They are bringing nothing to the table.

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