

Environmentalists try to stop giant Amazon logistics hub near Lyon

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Two local environmental protection groups have launched legal action against the construction of a giant Amazon logistics hub next to Lyon-Saint-Exupéry Airport, in south-east France. A building permit for the centre, which would have a floor area of more than 160,000 sqm and be the online retailer's biggest facility in France, was granted to commercial property developer, Goodman, in August last year while the state prefect of the Rhône département has cleared the project as far environmental norms are concerned. However, in a complaint submitted to an administrative court, the two local groups, which represent residents living near the site, contest the prefect's approval of the project claiming it will lead to the destruction of 33 protected animal species as well as contravening a law relating to the transition to low-carbon energy to support green growth and the absence of measures to manage transport flows around the site. The groups have also appealed against the project being awarded a building permit.

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