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Subject: Question regarding Traffic Generation Technical Note (Doc Ref 6.4.23.2)
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Dear Mr Allen,

I am sorry to be bothering you at a time when you are no doubt extremely busy. However, I am concerned that the new information provided by the Applicant in the Traffic Generation Technical Note (Doc Ref 6.4.23.2) regarding Kent Street, and indeed Michelgrove, gives no explanation for the marked change in current traffic numbers. At this late stage in the Examination, it is not possible to ask the Applicant to clarify the matter and still have an opportunity for public scrutiny of the response (if indeed they were to respond). I am writing therefore to ask if you could kindly request the Applicant to provide an explanation now, perhaps in a similar way to your recent request to Natural England to provide a response by 18th July to allow the Applicant to respond in return.

The issue is as follows:

Table 3-4 gives the total peak week traffic on the various roads, including Kent Street. Where have the increased numbers come from for Kent Street (receptor U), now totalling 338 instead of 96 and HGV numbers have increased to 80 from 25. Also, they have removed the statement about not including days when the A272 was closed, and the estimation of Michelgrove:

~~*Traffic flows on Michelgrove Lane (receptor P) have been estimated from on-site observations due to traffic survey data being unavailable:~~

~~**The traffic surveys undertaken for the Enso Energy Kent Street Battery Energy Storage System CTMP between 18/10/2023 and 24/10/2023 have been utilised as the base flows for Kent Street. The days when a road closure was in place on the A272 have been excluded from the data:~~

If a survey has been done at Michelgrove, where is the survey data to justify this dramatic change in figures? Rampion did attempt to do their own traffic survey on Kent Street before the last ISH, but said that they 'had been let down' by their suppliers. In any case, para 1.1.5 still says "**Baseline Traffic flows updated for Kent Street to reflect traffic survey data contained in *the Enso Energy Kent Street Battery Energy Storage System Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (Planning Application Ref: DC/24/0054)***"

It is true that Enso have submitted a revised CTMP to HDC but the survey is exactly the same survey as before, ie from October 2023. They have clearly not been changed to weekly figures, because a) the other receptors' figures have not been changed, and b) they do not add up correctly on that basis. Where have these new figures come from, or for Michelgrove? Why have the dates been changed to 2024?

I have looked at the Enso Streetwise survey and cannot see where these new numbers might have come from, even if they have perhaps chosen to include the days when the A272 was closed, which would not be appropriate.

The previous traffic generation technical note was REP3-022

If there is some obvious explanation, I am sorry to have troubled you needlessly, but it is not clear to any of us here.

Thank you

Kind regards

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On behalf of CowfoldvRampion