

Medway Council appointed a contractor to use the Medway Aimsun Model to assess local traffic impacts. The contractor's technical notes were appended to Medway Council's Local Impact Report (LIR) [REP1-258]. The Medway Aimsun Model is a more appropriate tool to assess local impacts in Medway, rather than the Lower Thames Area Model. This work was funded by the Applicant under a Planning Performance Agreement.

Medway Council shared the contractor's main technical note (Appendix E of Medway Council's LIR) with the Applicant on 9 March 2023. At Deadline 2 [REP2-061], the Applicant stated the need to "reserve the right to provide further comment on this appendix at a later date in the examination."

At Deadline 5 [REP5-088], the Applicant referred to "the differences between the modelling platforms and the assumptions that are inherent within them, the Applicant does not intend to comment on the results in detail." However, the contractor's method was agreed with the Applicant in advance.

Medway Council has previously expressed support for the Project in principle; however, given the lack of progress on matters set out in a draft Statement of Common Ground, and the Applicant's reluctance to consider the contractor's technical notes, Medway Council may review its position.