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- 1.1.1 During Session 1 of Issue specific Hearing 2 on 2 September 2021 a question was raised by the examiner Mr Scriven, relating to the release of further guidance from the Department for Transport (DfT) that could affect the Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) of the Scheme.
- 1.1.2 Mr Wood, for the Applicant, noted that changes to DfT TAG guidance are currently in progress that could affect the economic assessment, and although the timing of this release is not yet known, it was unlikely that this would be published until early 2022.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant has since been advised by the DfT that a revised version of the Transport Analysis Guidance (TAG) Data Book (v1.17) is due to be officially released in November 2021. This will include updated carbon values and fuel costs. The Applicant will review these updated values in order to determine whether they would be likely to result in a material change to the economic appraisal of the Scheme. Following this review the applicant will advise the examiners whether a sensitivity test is considered necessary to assess the change in economic benefits from adopting the revised Data Book.
- 1.1.4 A more significant update to TAG guidance is currently in preparation that will include new National Trip End Model (NTEM) datasets for the Common Analytical Scenarios. These scenarios are described in the TAG Uncertainty Toolkit.
- 1.1.5 The Toolkit sets out principles for the treatment of uncertainty in transport analysis, alongside techniques for exploring that uncertainty with a particular focus on the use of scenarios for understanding uncertainty around future travel demand.
- 1.1.6 The DfT has recently advised that the official publication of NTEM datasets will not be earlier than March 2022.