

Appendix 1

Durham County Council's Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases (position on diversions, detrunking and 12 month maintenance period)

Detrunking & Maintenance Period

Durham County Council (DCC) agrees in principle with the detrunking proposals following extensive meetings with designers. There are some outstanding aspects that relate to the highway assets to be transferred to DCC to manage, including the overall condition of the carriageway and any associated surface water drainage infrastructure transferred as part of the agreement. It would be preferred that the carriageway is resurfaced prior to handover and that all drainage is subject to detailed CCTV investigation and any areas that require maintenance or repair is done so prior to transfer.

It is preferred that any highway works constructed as part of the project that are transferred to DCC are subject to a 12-month maintenance period, after which, following a joint inspection between National Highways and DCC, where the overall condition of the asset will be re-assessed.

Further discussions are required with regard to future commuted sums for all assets transferred to DCC as a result of the detrunking agreement.

Diversion Route

The proposed diversion route is currently being reviewed in conjunction with colleagues at NYCC, as the proposed route impacts on both local highway authority areas. Officers are reviewing the route with regard to any potential negative impacts to highway structures, narrow roads, roads where highway and private trees are present and what impact, if any, the route could have on the abnormal load network.

Further discussions are ongoing to establish what impact the diversion route may have on non-motorised users.

DCC will continue to work with National Highways to address any of the issues raised above to the satisfaction of all parties.