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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document provides the Applicant's response to the written representation submitted by DFDS at Deadline 3 [REP3-022].

2. Traffic and Transport Matters

- 2.1 As a general response to the DFDS submission [REP3-022], the submission makes a number of comments on matters of detail which are not agreed. The Applicant has agreed to work with DFDS to agree a statement of common ground (SOCG) which will include, where the Applicant deems it appropriate, a sensitivity test, to consider the matters on which agreement has not been reached.
- 2.2 Based on assessments undertaken that sensitivity test will confirm and validate the overall conclusions of the Transport Assessment [AS-008]. Where agreement cannot be reached with DFDS that will be made clear in the SOCG.

Matters that are agreed

Base Traffic Flows

- 2.3 It is noted that DFDS now confirm that the (2021) survey data adopted in Transport Assessment has been suitably justified (Para 33 of [REP3-022]) and is therefore the approach taken to establishing baseline traffic data and the data adopted in assessment is appropriate and reasonable.
- 2.4 DFDS have raised a query about validation of flow levels on the A160 and this is responded to under Action Point 29 of the Written Summary of the Applications Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 3. This confirms the base flows adopted in the Transport Assessment are robust.

Matters under discussion

Tractor Only Ratio

- 2.5 The Applicant will, as part of the SOCG discussions provide a sensitivity test analysis of the implications of adopting the 19% ratio suggested by DFDS.

Accompanied / Unaccompanied Freight split

- 2.6 It is noted that DFDS have confirmed (para 40) that in isolation to other parameters adopted in the Transport Assessment [AS-008], the proportional split of Unaccompanied / Accompanied Freight units will have no material impact on the outcome of the Transport Assessment. The Applicant does not consider this requires further assessment in the context of any sensitivity test and this was agreed at a meeting held between traffic consultants of the Applicant and DFDS on the 28th September 2023.

East Gate / West Gate Assignment

- 2.7 This covers a wider range of topics. It has been agreed that the Applicant will work with the Interested Parties to review local destinations for freight traffic on the A160 corridor and review the assignment adopted in the Transport Assessment accordingly. This will be considered in the sensitivity analysis referred to above.