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A350 WESTBURY BYPASS PUBLIC INQUIRY INSPECTORS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The document attached provides the response to the Inspectors' request for information reference INQ/3 issued on 14th July 2008. The information includes amended traffic figures, clarification of the proposed weight limit in the town and amended noise and air quality figures arising from the revised traffic figures.

This information is provided for the purpose of updating and clarifying the existing documentation and evidence put before the inquiry and is summarised below.

Amended traffic figures

The number of HGV's stated on all links for the Eastern Route and the Far Western Route comparator is understated by a factor of 0.5 due to a consistent arithmetical error. Percentage changes referred to remain correct. Revised numbers of HGV's are provided in the attached document.

Proposed Weight Limit

Clarification is sought regarding the HGV ban referred to in the Environmental Statement and included in the traffic modelling for the scheme. A 3 tonne structural weight limit would be imposed over Station Road Railway Bridge and details of its limit and intended signing are provided.

Updates on information in the Environmental Statement

Due to the understated numbers of HGV's revised noise and air quality figures are provided for the Eastern Route.

- Noise - With the revised figures more properties experience a decrease in road traffic noise than experience an increase.
- Air Quality – There are no significant adverse effects from the scheme, there is a small beneficial reduction in pollutant concentration within Westbury.

We would appreciate your views on the information provided and in particular whether this change affects any previous comment you may have made.

Please would you send any comments to the following address:

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c/o Mr. D. F. Bullock
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The closing date for receipt of responses is Wednesday 27th August 2008.

Should you wish further explanation regarding the attached information please contact Mr Bullock directly on telephone number 01225 713283.

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