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1. Information Requested by the Inspector

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This note is required to respond to a question from the inspector raised at the Public Inquiry during the examination of Suzanne Scott’s evidence on 24 September 2021.

1.1.2 The question relates to the intended approach to the surface of the carriageway and its impact on noise, and the following has been confirmed to me with the request that it be added to this response.

1.2 Response

1.2.1 I have confirmed the position with the County Council who will be responsible for both construction, adoption and ongoing maintenance of the NEMMDR as Local Highway Authority (LHA).

1.2.2 The current scheme design proposes a Clause 942 Thin Surface Course System (TSCS) asphalt surfacing. TSCS surfacing is inherently a lower noise surfacing compared to other surfacing such as a Hot Rolled Asphalt (HRA). The requirement for a low noise surfacing is to be included within the construction specifications.

1.2.3 Decisions on future maintenance will be made in accordance with the LHA’s relevant policy operative at the time. The County Council’s approach, as evidenced by the current development of the next Local Transport Plan (which will be LTP4) is to consider ways to manage climate change and reduce the environmental impacts arising from its activity including those related to noise and air quality. The expectation is therefore that suitable low noise surfacing will continue to be used into the future and its use might become more widespread.

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