

**Dunstable Northern
Bypass****| A5-M1 LINK****Changes to Non Technical Summary****September 2011**

Since the Environmental Statement (ES) and its Non Technical Summary (NTS) were published in December 2009, the scheme was deferred because of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. The scheme has now been recommenced. We have therefore reviewed the ES and NTS to confirm that they are still valid for the deferred scheme. The results of the review of each technical chapter of the ES will be published separately in Review Notes which will be available prior to the planned Public Inquiry.

Changes to Non Technical Summary since publication in December 2009

p3 The Proposed Scheme 5th paragraph - advance works are now proposed for late 2014; construction would start in Spring 2015 and complete by late 2016;

p4 Environmental Effects 3rd paragraph - the operation of the scheme would start in 2016 and so fifteen years later would be 2031;

p5 Cultural heritage - two additional archaeological sites and two additional historic buildings have been confirmed since the ES publication. The overall heritage impact remains unchanged;

p7 Ecology & Nature Conservation 1st paragraph – the badger sett referred to is no longer considered a main sett but a subsidiary one i.e. one that is not continuously used. A replacement sett would still be provided;

p8 Environmental Constraints drawing – the two archaeology sites and two historic buildings referred to above are not shown on the plan. Also a small area of the map is hidden by the light blue shading for the Ouzel Brook Indicative Floodplain;

p10 Air Quality 3rd paragraph - further assessment has shown that the proposed speed limit mitigation system for air quality, which would have been located on the M1 Hard Shoulder Running (HSR) scheme, is not required for either the M1 HSR or A5-M1 Link schemes; 5th paragraph - 2014 and 2029 should now read 2016 and 2031;

p11 Disruption Due to Construction 1st paragraph - site preparation would now be in 2014; completion would now be 2016;

p12 and p13 Summary of Environmental Effects – the two additional archaeology sites and two historic buildings are not referred to in the “Cultural Heritage” section. The “Ecology” section refers to a main badger sett which is now only regarded as a subsidiary. Reference to speed control in the “Air Quality” section should now be removed as no specific impact reduction is required;

p14 Viewing the Environmental Statement, copies of documentation are available at all the locations except the Government Office for the East of England which is now closed. The Highways Agency address in Birmingham has changed as shown below; and

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