

Representation by:



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Paragraph 1	<p>I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the unnecessary construction of an off line dual carriageway along the A5WTC from [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Your objection is noted.</p> <p>Since July 2007 both the NI Executive and the Irish Government have been committed to the delivery of the A5 Western Transport Corridor (A5WTC) dual carriageway scheme.</p> <p>More recently, in 2015, under ‘A Fresh Start: The Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan’* the Irish Government confirmed that it remained supportive of the commitment under the St Andrews Agreement to co-fund the construction of the A5WTC and reaffirmed its commitment to providing funding for the scheme. The Irish Government indicated that it will contribute funding proportionately up to a maximum of £25m per annum within an agreed commitment of £75m towards the first section of the scheme.</p> <p>A further indication of the priority placed by the NI Executive on the scheme is its inclusion in the Budget 2016-2017* as an Executive ‘flagship’ infrastructure project.</p> <p>The brief for this commission required the project team to identify the most appropriate route for a new dual carriageway between Londonderry and the border at Aughnacloy.</p> <p>Using the existing road corridor for the dual carriageway was considered early in the commission at the route corridor and route options stages. The various constraints encountered along the existing road meant that any upgrading of the existing road to dual carriageway was discounted early in the process, and therefore the need to pursue an off-line dual carriageway as the most appropriate option.</p>

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		Please refer to DfI Roads Theme Report: On-line Dual Carriageway Assessment* and Dual Carriageway Alternatives*.
Paragraph 2	I fully support the reasons as stated in [REDACTED] letter of objection sent to you from their solicitors on their behalf.	Your support for [REDACTED] submission is noted. The Department has responded to the author of [REDACTED] submission.

Appendices:

- DfI Roads Theme Reports
 - DfI Roads Theme Report: On-line Dual Carriageway Assessment, December 2019
 - DfI Roads Theme Report: Dual Carriageway Alternatives, December 2019
- Core Documents
 - A Fresh Start: The Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan
 - Budget 2016-2017

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