

Consultee response for application **WP/20/00692/DCC** from **Highways Agency**
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Thank you for providing Highways England (now National Highways) with the opportunity to comment on additional documents submitted in support of the above application. These have been provided in response to a Regulation 25 of the T&CP EIA Regulations 2017 request for further information to complete the required Environmental Statement. Our interest relates to the impact of the development on the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network (SRN), which in this case comprises the A35 and the associated A35/A354 Stadium Roundabout. It is in this context that our comments are made.

The proposals relate to the construction of an energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown. Highways England previously provided a formal recommendation on 24 November 2020 and our comments below should be read in conjunction with that response.

Having reviewed the further information provided, we are satisfied that the transport assessment presents a suitably robust worst case scenario with regards to the traffic impact on the SRN, noting that the applicant states they are in active discussion to secure a contract to export incinerator ash by sea for processing. We therefore consider that our comments and recommendation of no objections provided on 24 November 2020 remain appropriate.

Kind regards
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