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Dear [Name removed under the Data Protection Act]

CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM ROAD SCHEMES IN THE TARGETED PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS (TPI)

I am pleased to provide you with the following documents via email in response to your Environmental Information Regulations request dated on 16th January 2007:

- the Appraisal Summary Tables (ASTs) you requested
- a table of the ASTs provided, with a brief commentary

The ASTs are in zip files to reduce their size. By using the extract function, the files should expand to separate folders for each TPI scheme. The table of ASTs provided identifies which AST has been provided as the late AST. These are the latest ASTs we have published, typically with Draft Order publication or Public Inquiry. Several schemes are shown as not being progressed and one has been transferred to Transport for London.

Your principle interest is the carbon dioxide information on the ASTs. The figure in the AST assessment score is the net change due to the scheme resulting from forecast traffic changes. Significant variables include the extent of the traffic model and the forecast year used. These figures should be interpreted with care. You will be aware of the changes in the DfT's New Approach to Appraisal (NATA) method for greenhouse gas appraisal. The original ASTs did not have a line for greenhouse gases, while the latest method, introduced in October 2006, applies monetisation to carbon emissions. This change will feature in future ASTs reporting on this important topic.

All TPI schemes in preparation either already have or will have assessed carbon dioxide information. A spreadsheet with the latest carbon dioxide data for each TPI scheme drawing from all sources of information (as yet unpublished technical reports as well as the last published ASTs) is in preparation. This will provide current best estimates of carbon dioxide emissions, and will be regularly updated and publicly available.

I hope that this information helps and I look forward to meeting you to discuss if you wish.

Yours sincerely

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