The A5WTC Public Inquiry Commissioner

Planning Appeals Commission

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Dear Commissioner

I am writing to express my full support for the development of the A5 Western Transport Corridor.

The A5 is a strategic transport route corridor through the Omagh area, providing vital connections up to the North West and down through the rest of the island via Aughnacloy. The importance of this route is reflected in the traffic volumes using it on a daily basis, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. But busy should not mean dangerous - there have been 47 fatalities on the A5 since 2006.

The A5 Western Transport Corridor dual carriageway will enable residents, visitors and commuters to make their journeys efficiently, reduce congestion due to traffic tailbacks, reduce travel time and increase connectivity and investment.

Therefore, as part of your evidence gathering through the A5WTC Public Inquiry, I would urge you to take account of the accident history on the current road and the other key benefits the scheme would deliver as outlined above.

I would also call on you to progress the Public Inquiry and the submission of the subsequent report to the Department for Infrastructure as a matter of urgency for the benefit of everyone using the A5.

Yours faithfully,

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