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Applicant's response to request for further information in Rule 17 letter dated 01 April 2025

The Applicant's response is as follows:

Interim funding for the 25/26 financial year has been agreed with the Government and the Applicant, as noted in the afore mentioned letter.

The Applicant confirms that the position remains as that set out in our response to ExA Q5.2.1 [REP2-037] and ExA Q.5.1.1 [REP7-103].

The Government has said that it is determined to build the transport infrastructure to drive economic growth and opportunities in every part of the country, and to deliver value for money for taxpayers. Road's investment in 2025-26 will be funded through an interim roads' settlement, and the third Road Investment Strategy will be set out in the next phase of the Spending Review.

The Spending Review is expected to complete in late Spring 2025. Whilst the Spending Review is ongoing, the Road Investment Strategy commitment to deliver the Scheme remains in place.

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