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Dear Inspectors,

South Worcestershire Development Plan review – Updated evidence in respect of the proposed allocation of Mitton (SWDPR54)

Please find below narrative to accompany the update drawing for M5 Junction 9 extended flare for the slip road.

The primary objective of the modelling exercise was to ensure sufficient capacity on the M5 Junction 9 northbound off-slip, in order to mitigate the impact of the Mitton development and the frequency of queueing that extended back onto the mainline carriageway (from three instances in ten to one instance in ten). This was achieved by extending the existing three-lane approach to 113 metres from the stop line.

The drawings presented by PJA reasonably reflects the model coding. It is noted, however, that the taper shown in PJA's design may offer slightly greater capacity than that represented within the model, therefore the modelling results should be seen as robust / conservative based on the drawing provided, however PJA's design drawing aligns well against the information provided to AECOM for costing.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Yours sincerely,

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