

Midland Metro

1.5 The Role of the Environmental Statement

The Applications Rules define an ES as a statement that contains:

- *“a description of the project comprising information on the site, design and size of the proposed works;*
- *an outline of the main alternatives to the proposed works studied by the applicant and an indication of the main reason for his choice, taking into account the environmental effects;*
- *the data required to identify and assess the main effects which the proposed works are likely to have on the environment;*
- *a description of the measures proposed to be taken in order to avoid, reduce, and if possible, remedy any significant adverse effects on the environment of the proposed works; and*
- *a non-technical summary of the information described above”*

and *“such of the information referred to in Schedule 1 [of the Applications Rules] as may be reasonably required in order to assess the environmental effects of the proposed works and which the applicant can, having regard in particular to current knowledge and methods of assessment, reasonably be required to compile”*.

An overview of the way in which this information is provided in this ES is set out in [Appendix A](#).

Taking account of these information requirements, the key objectives of the EIA have been to:

- establish and review the existing, or baseline, environmental conditions and policies pertaining to the site of the scheme and the surrounding area;
- identify and assess the environmental effects of the activities involved in construction and operation of the proposed scheme;
- develop, in conjunction with Centro, measures that will be taken to remove, minimise or reduce these effects to acceptable levels; and
- provide a framework for consultation with public authorities and interested parties.

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