

# Midland Metro

## Appendix B

### Bodies Consulted on the Scoping Report

Table B1 Responses from the Consultation Process

Consultee	Comments	Where Addressed in ES
British Waterways	Request for consultation on the draft Code of Construction Practice.	-
	Details of listed structures should be included in the ES.	<i>Section 6.7, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.</i>
Countryside Agency	No specific comments made, by letter dated 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2002.	-
Committee for Architecture and the Built Environment	No comments made, reported by letter dated 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2002. CABE requested that they are consulted on the design of stops, and public space works during the detailed design of the scheme infrastructure.	-
Department for Transport	No response	-
Department for Local Government and the Regions	No response.	-
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	No response.	-
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	No response.	-
English Heritage	The ES should include effects on settings of listed buildings, as well as direct effects.	<i>Section 6.7 and Section 7.7</i>
	The response notes that "Impacts upon visual amenity will affect viewers depending upon their identify and sensitivity" could be taken as downgrading of visual concern and should be omitted.	<i>Section 6.7 and Section 7.7.</i> The methodology for grading the sensitivity of viewers is taken from guidelines produced by The Landscape Institute and the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.  The guidance states that visual receptors have varying sensitivity to changes in the physical environment. Hence, this sentence has not been removed from the ES, although the wording has been amended to clarify its meaning.

English Nature	No response	-
Environment Agency	The scheme should incorporate Sustainable Drainage (SuDs) techniques and best management practices described in their letter dated 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2002.	<i>Section 7.9 Water Resources.</i>
	Due to historical and existing land use, there is the potential for contamination of underlying soils and groundwaters. Provision of a desk-study to identify potentially contaminated sites.	<i>Section 7.10 Contaminated Land.</i>
	Due regard should be given to the implications of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994. Information on the location of landfill sites provided.	<i>Sections 7.10 and 7.11, Contaminated Land and Non-Hazardous Waste.</i>
Government Office for the West Midlands	Considered to be inappropriate for the Government Office to comment, in response dated 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2002.	-
Regional Development Agency	No response.	-
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Specific attention should be paid to the possible presence of breeding black redstart along the alignment corridor.	<i>Sections 6.8 and 7.8</i>
The Civic Society	See the West Midlands Amenity Societies Association below.	
The Civic Trust	No response.	-
The Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England	No comments made, reported by letter dated 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2002.	-
The Royal Town Planning Institute	No response.	-
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	Concern raised over the potential for loss of trees and vegetation along the route.	<i>Sections 6.6 and 6.8 which consider landscape and visual impacts, and impacts on ecology.</i>
	A section 61 agreement in accordance with the Control of Pollution Act 1974 must be submitted to SMBC prior to the commencement of works.	<i>Section 7.3, Noise and Vibration, Short Term and Construction Impacts.</i>
	Means to attenuate noise in sensitive areas should be agreed with SMBC prior to the commencement of works.	<i>Section 6.3, Noise and Vibration, Long Term and Permanent Impacts.</i>

	Potential for conflict between temporary closures, diversions or access for construction traffic with: residential on street parking; access; and planned or emergency works by statutory undertakers.	<i>Sections 6.4 and 7.4</i> , which consider the impacts of the scheme on traffic and transport.
	Recommendation that a specialist archaeological consultant with expertise in railway architecture and industrial archaeology carry out a site survey of the alignment.	<i>Section 6.7</i> , Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.
The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country	A Phase 1 habitat survey and surveys for protected, very rare, rare or national and local Biodiversity Action Plan species should be completed, according to accepted methodologies.	<i>Section 6.8</i> which considers the impacts of the scheme on ecology and nature conservation.
Open Spaces Society	No response.	-
West Midlands Amenity Societies Association	Full support for the principle of the scheme. This should be fully integrated with major land use developments and major urban areas.	<i>Section 5</i> .
	Experience from other projects should be used to assess impacts on local business during the construction of the scheme.	<i>Section 2</i> which describes the construction methods and programme, and <i>Section 6.4</i> , Traffic and Transport Impacts.
	Infrastructure should be designed to minimise on townscape. Buildings fixings should be used where practicable, with particular attention paid to the effects of fixings on listed buildings and in conservation areas.	<i>Section 6.6</i> Landscape and Visual Impacts.