

Midland Metro

6 Long Term and Permanent Impacts

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Introduction

This section of the ES identifies the permanent or long term effects of the proposed Wednesbury to Brierley Hill scheme. Permanent or long term effects are those that result from an irreversible change to the environment (eg through landtake) or those that persist for the foreseeable future (eg increased local employment or noise from trams).

The permanent or long term effects of the scheme have been considered in relation to the following environmental issues:

- socio-economic impacts;
- traffic and transport impacts;
- noise and vibration impacts;
- air quality and climate change;
- landscape and visual impacts;
- nature conservation; and
- archaeology and cultural heritage.

Permanent and long term impacts associated with water resources, non-hazardous waste and contaminated land have been scoped out of the EIA, as described in *Section 3.5*.

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