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Table 12.A-1 Scoping opinion response

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3.7.1	Table 12-10	The Scoping Report states that operational vehicle movements would not exceed the thresholds specified in the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Guidelines – Environmental Assessment of Traffic and Movement (EATM) (2023). It states that the ES will confirm the operational vehicle types and numbers (with reference to thresholds within the guidance) to justify this position. On this basis, the Planning Inspectorate is content that this matter can be scoped out of further assessment.	The Planning Inspectorate's agreement is noted.
3.7.2	Table 12-10	On the basis that no hazardous loads are anticipated during construction or operation of the proposed development, the Planning Inspectorate agrees to scope this matter out of further assessment.	The Planning Inspectorate's agreement is noted.
3.7.3	Paras 12.4.13 and 12.7.16.	The Scoping Report states at paragraph 12.4.13 that PIC records would be examined for a five-year period prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and all PIC records since then; however, paragraph 12.7.16 states that PIC records for the period 2021 – 2023 would be examined to inform an assessment of road safety. The Planning Inspectorate advises that the most recent collision risk data should be used to inform the assessment unless there are reasons why this data is not reliable. The ES should explain the basis on which the assessment has been carried out, by reference to relevant guidance.	The Planning Inspectorate's comment is noted. For the ES, the PIC records for the most recent five-year period available will be used to inform the assessment.
3.7.4	Table 12-7	The average annual daily traffic (AADT) data from DfT manual count points for the B1449 Thurlby Road is from 2019. Noting the age of this data, the Planning Inspectorate advises that the ES should justify why it remains a valid data source from which to undertake assessment.	The Planning Inspectorate's comment is noted. Recent Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) survey data (2024) gathered by the EGL 3 and

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			EGL 4 project is proposed to be used instead of the DfT manual count data for the B1449 Thurlby Road.
3.7.5	Para 12.6.8	The Scoping Report states that it is not considered a TA would be required because the peak hour traffic flows during operation of the proposed development are anticipated to be very low. It is proposed that a transport technical note (TTN) would be used to inform the ES, which would set out all movement related forecasting and methodologies. The Planning Inspectorate advises that the peak construction year should be clearly identified in the TTN and CTMP. The Planning Inspectorate agrees with the proposed approach for the operational phase and advises that the TTN should be appended to the ES. The applicant's attention is drawn to Lincolnshire County Council's (LCC) comments (appendix 2 of this Opinion) regarding the requirement for a TA for the construction phase assessment. Effort should be made to agree the scope of the construction phase TA with relevant consultation bodies including LCC; it should form an appendix to the ES.	The Planning Inspectorate's comment is noted. The peak construction year will be clearly stated in the TTN and the CTMP. The comments from LCC are noted and engagement will continue after the PEIR and before the ES. The TTN or TA will form an appendix to the ES.
3.7.6	Para 12.7.19	Efforts should be made to agree the location, timing and method for surveys including traffic and PRow counts with relevant consultation bodies, including the highways authority. Evidence of agreement or otherwise should be presented in the ES.	The Planning Inspectorate's comment is noted. The location, timing and method for traffic and PRow count surveys will be agreed with the relevant highways authority and local authority and a record of consultation shall be presented in the ES.
3.7.7	N/A	The location of the proposed haul road and key routes outside of the scoping boundary, should be illustrated on an ES figure(s).	The Planning Inspectorate's comment is noted. The ES will include a figure illustrating the construction access routes.

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