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TransportNI has considered the correspondence in the above communication and responds as follows:

1. **On behalf of John Thompson & Sons Ltd (35-39 York Road, Belfast BT15 3GW) I write to request that additional information be presented with regards to the Air Quality impact of the proposed York Street Interchange scheme.**

It is noted within the environmental statement, that the scheme is described as having no significant impact on either local or regional air quality. However, it is also noted that the scheme will result in localised changes in emissions and in the year of Opening & Design year, Nitrogen Dioxide is predicted to be below national air quality objective values. Both the localised change & predicted NO_x levels are of interest to John Thompson & Sons & we request that further information be made available. Specifically, description of the localised changes in terms of receptors in the vicinity of the scheme (and in turn our facility) e.g. is redistribution of NO_x projected to occur & what are the predicted concentrations at current receptors. Additionally, numerical values for changes in NO_x for the scheme are requested in order that we may fully understand the scheme air quality benefit.

Should further clarification on our request be required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Air Quality information request

- a) TransportNI notes your email request of 05 March 2015 for additional air quality information and trust that the email of 09 March 2015 to you addressed your concerns and provided the relevant links and references to specific sections of the Environmental Statement (ES).
- b) The site of John Thompson & Sons Ltd. (35-39 York Road, Belfast) lies some distance beyond the northern boundary of the study area for the assessment of impacts on local air quality. Given the magnitude of impacts reported in the ES, it is unlikely that there would be any change in measureable concentrations of NO_x or nitrogen dioxide at the facility as a direct impact of the Proposed Scheme.
- c) We would thank-you for your interest in this scheme.