

Support number **SU05**
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TransportNI has considered the correspondence in the above communication and responds as follows:

1. I had a look at the plans for the Yorkgate interchange in the Ramada Encore yesterday and agree with everything. In fact if it was up to me I would start the work TOMORROW.

- a) TransportNI notes your emails of 11 & 12 February 2015 and welcomes your general support of the Proposed Scheme.

Construction Programme

- b) It is anticipated that the scheme would require a minimum period of just over 3 years (38 months) to construct, subject to the advance completion of service diversion works or advance placement of service diversion Orders with the relevant utility providers. Based on the current programme, TransportNI expects construction works to commence in Autumn 2017, subject to successful progression of the Statutory Orders procedures (including Public Inquiry), availability of funding, and detailed economic appraisal. On this basis, the scheme could be completed by late 2020.

2. I also forgot to say. When I was in the Encore I mentioned to a member of the DRD that the Executive should ask the Irish Government for some money towards this scheme in the way that they were prepared, for a while at least, to give us money for the A5 scheme. Afterall, the Yorkgate Interchange is the main route from the International Airport, the north coast and Larne Harbour down to Dublin. They can only say 'yes' or 'no'.

- a) At this time, it is not expected that the Irish Government would make a direct contribution to the construction cost of the Proposed Scheme.
- b) We would thank-you once again for your interest in this scheme.

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