

EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

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Panel Note 1 Scenarios for higher levels of growth

1. The Panel has noted that the Greater Bristol Strategic Transport Study (GBSTS) incorporated a level of development for the year 2031, which is noticeably higher than that proposed in the draft RSS for the year 2026.
2. It is noted from paragraph 2.5 of the Final Report of the GBSTS, that a range of spatial scenarios were developed with the assistance of the officers of the unitary authorities to accommodate that level of growth.
3. Paragraph 2.5 also indicates that the scenarios reflected different approaches to the distribution of growth. The scenarios are described as follows:
 - Scenario B – Extensions to the Principal Urban Areas
 - Scenario C – Growth concentrated to the north and east of Bristol
 - Scenario D - Growth concentrated to the south and west of Bristol
 - Scenario E – Growth along current principal transport corridors.
4. It is appreciated that the above scenarios were developed to represent an extreme range of different assumptions, whose impact on the transport system could be estimated and assessed. Paragraph 2.8 indicates that a transport analysis was carried out to assess the effects each scenario would have on the performance of the transport system.
5. The EiP is likely to have to consider the implications of higher levels of growth. It would be helpful to the Panel if information on the broad distribution of development for each scenario and the analysis of the performance of each scenario could be made available by the GBSTS Partners before the First Preliminary meeting 16th January 2007 as context for the EiP discussions.