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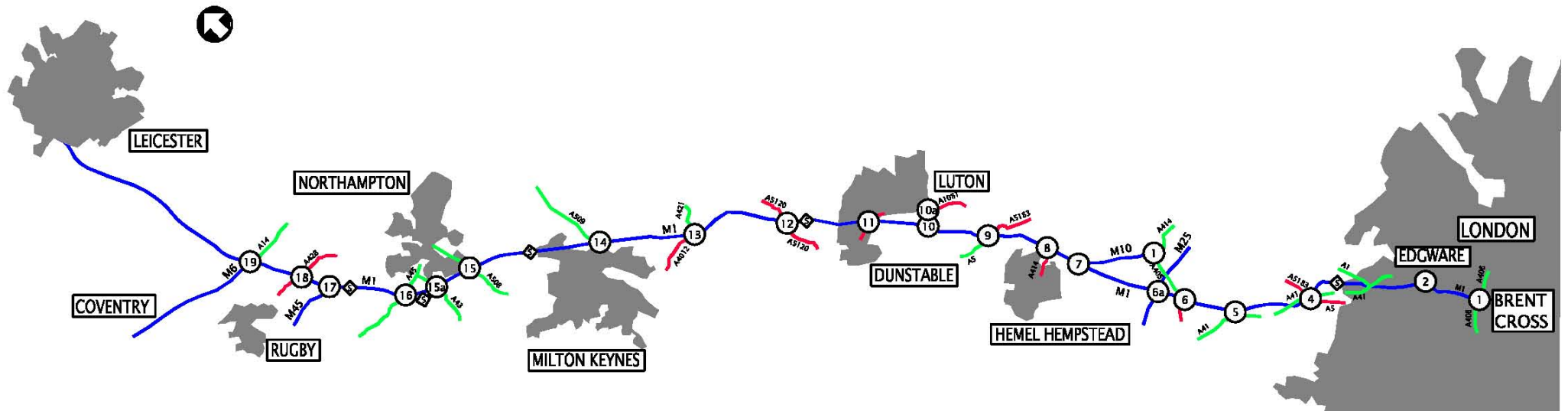
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List of Abbreviations

ALPC	<i>Abbots Langley Parish Council</i>
AQMA	<i>Air Quality Management Area</i>
BBC	<i>Bedford Borough Council</i>
B&MK	<i>Broughton and Milton Keynes</i>
CPRE	<i>Campaign to Protect Rural England</i>
CTC	<i>Cyclist's Touring Club</i>
DBC	<i>Dacorum Borough Council</i>
DDC	<i>Daventry District Council</i>
DIRFT	<i>Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal</i>
EN	<i>English Nature</i>
HA	<i>Highways Agency</i>
HCC	<i>Hertfordshire County Council</i>
HDC	<i>Harborough District Council</i>
HGV	<i>Heavy Goods Vehicle</i>
HOV	<i>High Occupancy Vehicle</i>
LA	<i>Local Authorities</i>
MK	<i>Milton Keynes</i>
MKSM	<i>Milton Keynes and South Midlands</i>
MSA	<i>Motorway Service Area</i>
NBC	<i>Northampton Borough Council</i>
NCC	<i>Northamptonshire County Council</i>
NMU	<i>Non-Motorised User</i>
P&R	<i>Park and Ride</i>
PC	<i>Public Consultation</i>
PDF	<i>Portable Document File</i>
RMS	<i>Route Management Strategy</i>
RO	<i>Route Outcome</i>
SEEDA	<i>South East England Development Agency</i>
SNC	<i>South Northamptonshire Council</i>
T2000	<i>Transport 2000</i>
VMS	<i>Variable Message Sign</i>
WPC	<i>Whilton Parish Council</i>
WT	<i>Wildlife Trusts</i>



M1-M10 Route Management Strategy – Study Area

Executive Summary

The Public Consultation (PC) gave the members of public and other stakeholders the opportunity to give their views on the Route Management Strategy (RMS) and how the Highways Agency (HA) should manage and operate the M1 (Junctions 1-19) and M10 over the next 10 years. Comments received from the consultation would be given careful consideration before the M1-M10 RMS is finalised.

The views expressed by those who responded to the consultation are not necessarily endorsed by the HA. Whilst serious consideration will be given to all suggested ideas, additions or changes to the Initial RMS document, these will not automatically be taken forward into the Final RMS document.

Section 2 explains the methods adopted to approach the public with the aim of obtaining comments.

Sections 3.1 and 3.2 demonstrate the analytical work from the collected data.

Sections 3.3 and 3.4 give a brief and explanatory summary to the outcomes from the data analysis.

The M1-M10 RMS Public Consultation has been conducted successfully. The consultation reached a wide and varied audience, with 665 responses received from across the Midlands.

The five most important Route Outcomes (RO) for the M1-M10 RMS as defined by the respondents to the PC, are listed below in numerical order:

- RO1 Improve journey time reliability along the M1 (Junctions 1-19)
- RO2 Improve road users information
- RO3 Reduce accidents clusters on the M1 and M10 with particular reference to junctions and known high risk accident sites
- RO11 M1 Junction 13 – Review capacity improvements at this junction
- RO12 M1 Junction 14 – Improve capacity and reduce congestion problems

Congestion, noise, safety and road users information on the M1 motorway appear to be the core issues with the majority of respondents. These comments also included driver behaviour and greater enforcement as well as improving the safety at Junction 19. Other environmental considerations also figure highly and this suggests that any solutions identified need to be sensitive to these concerns.