

Subject: RE: QVS 2
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Hi Paul

My response for QVS2 would be as follows (mostly lifted from the TS):

“Due to the car-free nature of the site, the number of vehicle trips shown in Table 5.1 of the TS could instead shift towards either taxi trips or sustainable modes as these would be desirable modes of travel given the central location of the site. As detailed in Section 3 of the TS, the application site is located adjacent to frequent bus services and Reading station (which offers frequent services, including Crossrail) is located in an approximate walk distance of 250m.

Any HGV trips associated with the operation of the proposed hotel would take place in accordance with current on-street restrictions on Friar Street which is detailed in Section 4 of the TS. HGV movements would be lower compared to the existing site.

Furthermore, the Travel Plan has provided both short and long-term strategies for reducing dependence on travel by private car and encourage sustainable travel choices primarily for staff. The objective is to reduce single-occupancy car journeys in favour of more sustainable modes of travel through the introduction of a package of measures that will assist and encourage staff to travel by more sustainable modes of transport.

As such, the operational impacts on local air quality is not considered significant for the reasons stated throughout the TS”

Kind Regards

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