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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

1.1.1 This report provides a socio-economic impact assessment for the proposed works. It provides an assessment of the route-wide impacts of the scheme including the impact on employment within Central London and in key regeneration areas served by the scheme. It examines local impacts arising from the displacement of businesses to accommodate Crossrail. Local impacts are examined in four route sections: from Portobello Junction to Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west, the central tunnel from Paddington to the Isle of Dogs and Stratford and the two eastern sections to Shenfield and Abbey Wood. The ES records all significant impacts identified in this technical report.

1.2 Structure of the technical report

1.2.1 The remainder of the report covers:

- description of the project;
- the scope of the report and methodology used to reach the findings;
- the environmental baseline on which the evaluation is based;
- the route-wide impacts;
- the local impacts at route window level; and
- the appendices.