**Attachment 2**

National Infrastructure Commission – Call for Evidence (closes 10 February)

The Commission is calling for input into the development of its National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA) which will set out its assessment of long-term infrastructure needs on a 30-year time horizon with recommendations to the government.

The Commission has identified 28 key questions which it believes will be important to answer in order to understand the main infrastructure challenges facing the country over the coming decades. The CEO has identified the ones immediately below as those to which AR might wish to respond.

Q1: How will travel patterns change between now and 2050?

**Comment:** There has been a permanent structural change in the geography of retailing which has led to shopping trips transferring from town centres to out of town locations and he national infrastructure plan should consider the road infrastructure needed to provide for movement from urban areas to locations outside as well as within and between conurbations.

Q2: What opportunities does ‘mobility as a service’ create for road user charging?

How would this affect road usage?

**Comment:** Should its use be widened, it should not be used to discriminate against individual land uses as part any wider land use allocation policy (NB this is what the Scottish government tried to do with rates).

Q3: Is the existing digital communications regime going to deliver what is needed

when it is needed, in the areas that require it?

**Comment:** Are we satisfied with the digital connectivity currently (or prospectively) available to retail parks?

Q4: What is the highest value solution for decarbonising heat for commercial

consumers? When would decisions need to be made?

**Comment:** Is this aim is best met through local solutions determined by building owners or occupiers and/or at the level of the power generating companies?

These are relevant questions for AR but, given the NIA is set at a very strategic national scale, we will monitor and report as necessary.