

## Appendix V Auditor's Letter

An independent audit of the data collection was undertaken for the third year by Maunsell/AECOM. This entailed interviews with reporting staff and review of data submitted during the collection phase. As a result, a few differences in reporting methodology were identified with corrections made and recommendations set out for future improvements.

The audit process helped encourage discussions and agreement on standardising regional practices. However some inconsistencies remain, both across organisations and between the years reported on, and this must be borne in mind when considering the graphs, tables and information provided within the report. The Auditor's letter summarising their work follows.

