



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET

Traffic & construction

What to expect during the build, and once it's running

What's the concern?

People near a proposed site ask about heavy-vehicle traffic, dust and noise during construction, and whether there will be ongoing traffic once the facility opens.

The facts

Operational traffic is usually low — data centres are highly automated and lightly staffed once running. The busier period is *construction*, which generates heavy-vehicle movements, deliveries of large equipment, and the usual dust, sediment and noise of a building site, over a defined period.

What good practice looks like

- A construction traffic and environmental management plan (hours, haulage routes, dust, sediment, noise, waste).
- Defined construction hours and agreed truck routes that avoid sensitive streets where possible.
- Parking and access meeting the planning standards.
- Advance notification to neighbours of major works, and confirmation that operational traffic will be low.

Questions you can ask

- How long will construction take, and what are the working hours?
- What haulage routes will trucks use, and how is dust and noise controlled?
- How many vehicles once it is operating, and who do residents contact?

Want to know more? Your local council publishes further information on construction management and traffic. This sheet is general information, not medical, legal or planning advice; figures are indicative and a specific proposal is confirmed by qualified assessment.