# COUNTYROUTE LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015



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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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#### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The directors present the strategic report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

#### **Business Review**

The principal activity of the Company is the holding of an unlisted investment of 849,999 ordinary shares in CountyRoute (A130) plc, a Special Purpose Company set up to fulfil obligations under a PFI contract with Essex County Council.

The Group was set up for the design, financing, and construction of the new A130 dual carriageway road under a Concession Agreement between the Company and the Client, Essex County Council, dated 20 October 1999. The construction of the road was divided into a Northern Scheme, which was completed on 18 February 2002, and a Southern Scheme, completion of which was achieved on 8 September 2003.

Financial close was achieved on 20 October 1999. The concession period is 30 years. The completion certificate for the initial construction works was received on 8 September 2003.

Via CountyRoute Limited, John Laing Infrastructure Limited invested equity of £500k in March 2000, and subdebt of £2.5m in each of March 2002 and March 2003. As part of the senior debt restructuring, an additional £350k share capital and £4,375k sub-debt were invested at the end of 2004, bringing the total provided by shareholders to £10,225k.

The principal activity of the Group is the operation of the road for the remainder of the concession life of 30 years.

There have not been any significant changes in the Company's principal activities in the year under review. During the year, the road has continued to perform well. Traffic levels over the years have been slightly behind forecasts made at financial close, however this has now started to improve.

#### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The Group's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including liquidity risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. These risks are further explained in the Directors' Report.

#### **Future developments**

The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any major changes in the Group's activities in the next

#### Key performance indicators

The key performance indicators for the Group are traffic volumes compared with latest traffic forecasts, as well as the level of performance and unavailability deductions levied by the client, since this reflects the quality of the service being provided. During the period, the Group suffered nominal deductions.

Or behalf of the board

Director 30 June 2016

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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#### **Principal activities**

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#### **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

T Brooks (Resigned 17 March 2016)

D Bradbury

S Hsueh (Appointed 17 March 2016)

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 7.

No ordinary dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

#### Directors' insurance

The Group has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors during the year. These provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### Liquidity Risk

The Group manages its cash and borrowing requirements in order to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring the Group has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs of the business. At the start of the PFI contract, the Group negotiated debt facilities with an external party to ensure that the Group has sufficient funds over the life of the PFI concession.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Group's borrowings expose it to cash flow risk primarily due to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. The Group uses interest rate derivatives to manage the risk and reduce its exposure to changes in interest rates.

#### Credit Risk

The Group's principal financial assets are cash, financial assets and trade and other receivables. The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables which are with one counterparty, although in the opinion of the board of directors this risk is limited as the receivables are with a local government authority.

#### Lifecycle Risk

Lifecycle expenditure is the main risk to the business. The risk being that the allowance for lifecycle costs factored into the financial model is insufficient to cover future lifecycle expenditure, thus resulting in lower profitability and reduced distributions. This is mitigated by regular lifecycle reviews undertaken by the management services provider and a detailed lifecycle review performed at minimum once a year.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, Deloitte LLP, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

Each of the directors in office at the date of approval of this annual report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that he / she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself / herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

AD Stadbury
Director

30 June 2016

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the group and parent company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and parent company and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and parent company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's and the parent company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and parent company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and parent company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTYROUTE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Countyroute Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Total Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Company Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of the Group's loss for year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
   and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNTYROUTE LIMITED

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Simon Grant (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor** 

London

United Kingdom

30 June 2016

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

		2015	2014
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Turnover Cost of sales	3	1,795 (1,530)	987 (1,179)
Gross profit		265	(192)
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	6 7	5,495 (6,093)	5,658 (6,223)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(333)	(757)
Taxation	8	-	-
Loss for the financial year		(333)	(757)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) Cash flow hedges gain/(loss) arising in the year Tax relating to other comprehensive income/	12	4,217	(4,297)
(loss)	13	(1,291)	859
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	r	2,593 =====	(4,195) ====

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

		201	5	201	4
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current assets					
Debtors falling due after one year	9	75,299		81,017	
Debtors falling due within one year	9	3,711		16,509	
Cash at bank and in hand		17,509		2,083	
		96,519		99,609	
Creditors: falling due within one year	11	(5,427)		(3,009)	
Net current assets			91,092		96,600
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(118,207)		(126,471)
Net liabilities			(27,115)		(29,871)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		850		850
Hedging reserve	14		(18,368)		(21,294)
Profit and loss reserves	14		(9,597)		(9,427)
Total equity			(27,115)		(29,871)

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 30 June 2016 and are signed on its behalf by:

Director

# COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	201! £'000	£'000	2014 £'000	£'000
Fixed assets Investments			850		850
Current assets Debtors	9	18,426		18,426	
Creditors: falling due within one year	11	-		-	
Net current assets			18,426		18,426
Total assets less current liabilities			19,276		19,276
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(18,426)		(18,426)
Net assets			850 ——		850
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	14		850 ———		850 ———

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 30 June 2016 and are signed on its behalf by:

D.Bradbury Director

Company Registration No. 3679991

# GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

		Share capital	Hedging reserve	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 31 December 2013 as previously				(0.070)	(7.000)
stated		850	(47.050)	(8,670)	(7,820)
Effect of transition to FRS 102		-	(17,856)		(17,856)
Balance at 1 January 2014 as restated		850	(17,856)	(8,670)	(25,676)
Period ended 31 December 2014:					
Profit for the year		_	_	(757)	(757)
Other comprehensive income:		•		(,	(101)
Cash flow hedge losses arising in the year		-	(4,297)	-	(4,297)
Tax relating to other comprehensive income		-	859	-	859
Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	(3,438)	(757)	(4,195)
Balance at 31 December 2014		850	(21,294)	(9,427)	(29,871)
Period ended 31 December 2015:					
Profit for the year		-	-	(333)	(333)
Other comprehensive income:					
Cash flow hedge gains arising in the year		-	4,217	-	4,217
Tax relating to other comprehensive income		-	(1,291)		(1,291)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	2,926	(333)	2,593
Balance at 31 December 2015		850	(18,367)	(9,597)	(27,115)
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# COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	Share capital £'000
Balance at 1 January 2014		850
Period ended 31 December 2014: Result and total comprehensive income for the year		-
Balance at 31 December 2014		850
Period ended 31 December 2015: Result and total comprehensive income for the year		-
Balance at 31 December 2015		850

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

		2015		2014	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	18		11,904		9,096
Investing activities			•		
Movement in other financial assets		11,240		(6,915)	
Interest received		31		25	
Net cash generated from/(used in)					
investing activities			11,271		(6,890)
Financing activities		,			
Interest paid		(5,953)		(6,190)	
Repayment of borrowings		(1,796)		(1,969)	
			(7 7 10)		(0.450)
Net cash used in financing activities			(7,749)		(8,159)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and o	cash				
equivalents			15,426		(5,953)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	n of year		2,083		8,036
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning					
Cash and cash equivalents at end of	year		17,509		2,083

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Company information**

Countyroute Limited ("the Company") is a limited company domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1 Kingsway, London, United Kingdom, WC2B 6AN.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £'000.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 are the first financial statements of Countyroute Limited prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The date of transition to FRS 102 was 1 January 2014. An explanation of how transition to FRS 102 has affected the reported financial position and financial performance is given in note 19.

As permitted by s408 Companies Act 2006, the Company has not presented its own profit and loss account and related notes. The Company's profit for the year was £nil (2014 - £nil).

#### 1.2 Basis of consolidation

The Group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertaking drawn up to 31 December each year.

#### 1.3 Going concern

The Company exists to hold investments in its subsidiary that provides services under certain private finance agreements. The subsidiary is set up as a Special Purpose Company under non-recourse arrangements and therefore the Company has limited its exposure to the liabilities. In the event of default of the subsidiary, the exposure is limited to the extent of the investment it has made.

The Group is in a net liabilities position as at 31 December 2015. The directors have reviewed the Group's forecasts and projections, taking into account future cash requirements and forecast receipts, which show that the Group can continue to meet its debts as they fall due.

The directors therefore, at the time of approving the financial statements, have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.4 Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Income received in respect of the service concession is allocated between revenue and capital repayment of, and interest income on, the PFI financial asset using the effective interest rate method. Service revenue is recognised as a margin on non-pass-through operating and maintenance costs.

#### 1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.6 Financial instruments

The Group has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Group's statement of financial position when the Group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

#### Loans and receivables

Trade debtors, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the debt instrument to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### Service Concession

The Group is a special purpose entity that has been established to provide services under certain private finance agreements with Essex County Council. Under the terms of these Agreements, Essex County Council (as grantor) controls the services to be provided by the Group over the contract term. Based on the contractual arrangements the Group has classified the project as a service concession arrangement, and has accounted for the principal assets of, and income streams from, the project in accordance with FRS 102, Section 34.12 Service Concession Arrangements.

The Group has chosen to adopt the transitional arrangements available within FRS 102, Section 35.10 (i) and as such the service concession arrangement has continued to be accounted for using the same accounting policies being applied at the date of transition to FRS 102 (1 January 2014). The nature of the asset has therefore not changed; however, there has been a change in the description from Finance Debtor to Financial Asset.

Under the terms of the arrangement, the Group has the right to receive a baseline contractual payment stream for the provision of the services from or at the direction of the grantor (the Council), and as such the asset is accounted for as a financial asset. The financial asset has initially been recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, based on the fair value of the construction (or upgrade) services, plus any directly attributable transaction costs, provided in line with FRS 102.

#### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

#### Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the group after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### Other financial liabilities

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless they are included in a hedging arrangement.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled, or expires.

#### 1.7 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the Group are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the Group.

#### 1.8 Derivatives

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting end date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset, whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

The Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

#### Hedge accounting

The Group designates certain hedging instruments, including derivatives, embedded derivatives and non-derivatives, as either fair value hedges or cash flow hedges.

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the Group documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item along with risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. At the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Group documents whether the hedging instrument is highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item.

#### Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income.

The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss, and is included in the 'other gains and losses' line in this item.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item is recognised in the profit or loss in the same line as of the income statement as the recognised hedged item. However when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or liability, the gains and losses previously accumulated in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset or liability concerned.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if, and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### 2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### **Critical judgements**

#### **Hedge Accounting**

The directors consider the Group to have met the criteria for hedge accounting and the Group has therefore recognised fair value movements on derivatives in effective hedging relationships through other comprehensive income as well as the deferred tax thereon.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

#### Valuation of derivative financial instruments

The directors use their judgement in selecting a suitable valuation technique for derivative financial instruments. All derivative financial instruments are valued at the mark to market valuation provided by the derivative counterparty. In these cases, the Company uses valuation techniques to assess the reasonableness of the valuation provided by the derivative counterparty. These techniques use a discounted cash flow analysis based on market observable inputs derived from similar instruments in similar and active markets. The fair value of derivative financial instruments at the balance sheet date was £23,557,236. The directors do not consider the impact of own credit risk to be material.

#### Service concession arrangement

As disclosed in Note 1, the Group accounts for the project as a service concession arrangement. The directors use their judgement in selecting the appropriate financial asset rate to be applied in order to allocate the income received between revenue, and capital repayment of and interest income on the financial asset; and also the service margin that is used to recognise service revenue. The directors have also used their judgement in assessing the appropriateness of the future maintenance costs that are included in the Group's forecasts. The directors will continue to monitor the condition of the assets and undertake a regular review of maintenance spend.

#### 3 Turnover and other revenue

An analysis of the Group's turnover is as follows:

		2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Turnover		
	Service fee income	1,795	987
			===
	Other significant revenue		
	Interest income	5,495	5,658
			=
	Turnover analysed by geographical market		
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
	United Kingdom	1,795	987
	-		
4	Auditors' remuneration		
		2015	2014
	Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates:	£'000	£'000
	For audit services		
	Audit of the financial statements of the Group and Company	17	16
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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5	Employees		
	The Group had no employees during the current or prior year.		
6	Interest receivable and similar income	2045	0044
		2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Interest income	2.000	2 000
	Interest on bank deposits	31	20
	Other interest income	5,464	5,638
	Total income	5,495	5,658
		====	
7	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
	Interest on bank overdrafts and loans	5,803 290	6,151 72
	Interest on other loans		
	Total interest expense	6,093	6,223
8	Taxation		
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
	Current tax	(67)	(462)
	UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	(67)	(163) ——
	Total current tax	(67)	(163)
	Tax losses carried forward	67	163
	Total tax charge		
	10.00. (01.01.00)		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

8	Taxation	·	(Continued)
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The difference between the total tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Loss before taxation	(333)	(757) ——
Expected tax charge based on a corporation tax rate of 20.25% Tax losses not recognised for deferred tax purposes	(67) 67	(163) 163
Tax expense for the year	-	- -

In addition to the amount charged to the profit and loss account, the following amounts relating to tax have been recognised directly in other comprehensive income:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Deferred tax arising on:		
Deferred tax on interest rate swap fair value	759	(859)
Effect of change in tax rate on opening liability	532	•
Total tax recognised in other comprehensive income	1,291	(859)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Debtors	Group		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Amounts falling due within one year:	£'000	£'000	£'000	£.000
Trade debtors	-	1,053	-	-
Corporation tax recoverable	163		-	-
Financial asset	2,157	2,770	-	-
Other financial assets	-	11,240	-	-
Other debtors	-	100	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,391	1,346	-	-
	3,711	16,509	-	-
		====	=====	
Amounts falling due after one year:				
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	-	_	18,426	18,426
Financial asset	67,680	69,635	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	3,587	6,059	-	-
	71,267	75,694	18,426	18,426
Deferred tax asset (note 13)	4,032	5,323	-	-
	75,299	81,017	18,426	18,426
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Total debtors	79,010	97,526	18,426	18,426
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Other financial assets include amounts held within deposit accounts with a maturity of not less than 3 months from the initial deposit.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Group		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bank loans	80,610	82,338	-	-
Loans from parent undertaking	9,375	9,375	9,375	9,375
	89,985	91,713	9,375	9,375
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Payable within one year	4,386	2,105	-	-
Payable after one year	85,599 ======	89,608 ———	9,375 <sub>.</sub>	9,375
Amounts included above which five years:	fall due after			
Payable by instalments	68,137	85,229	9,375	9,375

The loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the Group and a charge over the shares of the Group.

11	Creditors: 1	alling due	within one y	/ear
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	,	Notes	Group 2015 £'000	2014 £'000	Company 2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Loans and overdrafts	10	4,386	2,105	-	_
	Other taxation and social security		511	469	-	-
	Trade creditors		-	1	-	-
	Accruals and deferred income		530	434	-	-
			5,427	3,009	-	-
12	Creditors: amounts falling due aft	er more than	-		_	
			Group		Company	
		·	2015	2014	2015	2014
		Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000

	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000
Loans and overdrafts	10	85,599	89,608	9,375	9,375
Derivative financial instruments		23,557	27,812	-	-
Amount due to parent undertaking	l	9,051	9,051	9,051	9,051
		118,207	126,471	18,426	18,426
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 13 Deferred taxation

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where the group or company has a legally enforceable right to do so. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

•	Assets	Assets
	2015	2014
Group	£'000	£'000
Deferred tax on interest rate swap fair value	4,032	5,323
		===
	Group	Company
	2015	2015
Movements in the year:	£'000	£'000
(Asset) at 1 January 2015	(5,323)	-
Charge to other comprehensive income	759	-
Effect of change in tax rate - other comprehensive income	532	-
(Asset) at 31 December 2015	(4,032)	-

The deferred tax asset in relation to the interest rate swap liability is expected to affect profit or loss over the period to maturity of the interest rate swap.

#### 14 Share capital and other reserves

	Group and company	
	2015	2014
Ordinary share capital	£'000	£'000
Issued and fully paid		
850,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	850	850

#### **Other Reserves**

The Group's other reserves are as follows:

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses.

The hedging reserve represents the cumulative portion of gains and losses on hedging instruments deemed effective in hedging variable interest rate risk of recognised financial instruments. Amounts accumulated in this reserve are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods in which the hedged item affects profit or loss or when the hedging relationship ends.

#### 15 Related party transactions

No guarantees have been given or received.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 15 Related party transactions

(Continued)

As a wholly owned subsidiary of John Laing Infrastructure Fund Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 102 Section 33 not to provide information on related party transactions with other undertakings in the John Laing Infrastructure Fund Limited group. A copy of the published financial statements of John Laing Infrastructure Fund Limited can be obtained from Companies House.

#### 16 Controlling party

The Company's immediate parent company is John Laing Infrastructure Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The Company's ultimate parent and controlling entity is John Laing Group plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain, Copies of the consolidated accounts of John Laing Group plc are available from the company's website www.laing.com

#### 17 Subsidiaries

Details of the Company's subsidiaries at 31 December 2015 are as follows:

	Name of undertaking	Country of incorporation or residency	Class of shareholding	% Held Direct	
	Countyroute (A130) PLC	United Kingdom	Ordinary Shares	100.0	00
18	Cash generated from opera	tions		2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Loss for the year			(333)	(757)
	Adjustments for:				
	Finance costs recognised in p	profit or loss		6,093	6,223
	Investment income recognise	d in profit or loss		(5,495)	(5,658)
	Movements in working capital	:			
	Decrease in debtors			11,614	9,269
	Increase in creditors			22	20
	Cash generated from opera	tions		11,901	9,097

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 19 Reconciliations on adoption of FRS 102

Reconciliation of equity			
		1 January 2014	31 December 2014
	Notes	£,000	£,000
Equity as reported under previous UK GAAP		(7,820)	(8,577)
Adjustments arising from transition to FRS 102:		•	
Fair value of interest rate swap	19.1	(22,320)	(26,617)
Deferred Tax on interest rate swap	19.2	4,464	5,323
Equity reported under FRS 102		(25,676) =====	(29,871) ———
Reconciliation of profit or loss			
·			2014
			£'000
Profit or loss as reported under previous UK GAAP			(757)
Adjustments arising from transition to FRS 102:			
Fair value of interest rate swap	19.1		-
Deferred Tax on interest rate swap	19.2		-
Profit or loss reported under FRS 102			(757)

#### Notes to reconciliations on adoption of FRS 102

This is the first year that the Group has presented its financial statements under FRS 102. The last financial statements under previous UK GAAP were for the year ended 31 December 2014 and therefore the prior year comparatives in these financial statements have been restated from the date of transition to FRS 102 on 1 January 2014. As a consequence of adopting FRS 102, a number of accounting policies have changed to comply with that standard, the most notable being the adoption of FRS 102 section 11 (Basic Financial Instruments) and section 12 (Other financial instruments) which has resulted in the recognition and additional disclosures of derivative financial instruments held by the Group as well as the deferred tax impact. Listed below are the notes to the reconciliation of equity at 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014.

#### Note 19.1 - Fair value of interest rate swap

Under previous UK GAAP the fair value of the interest rate swap was disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Under FRS 102 the Group is required to recognise the fair value of derivative financial instruments on the balance sheet. In the table above recognition of the fair value of the interest rate swap reflects a liability on the balance sheet at 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014. The Group has met the criteria for hedge accounting and therefore the fair value movement in 2014 on the interest rate swap, which is in an effective hedging relationship, is recognised through the hedging reserve.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### 19 Reconciliations on adoption of FRS 102

(Continued)

#### Note 19.2 - Deferred tax

Under previous UK GAAP there was no requirement to recognise or disclose deferred tax relating to financial instruments. As stated in Note 19.1 the fair value of financial instruments were just disclosed in a note to the financial statements. Under FRS 102, the Group is required to recognise deferred tax on all fair value movements. Consequently, a deferred tax asset arises on recognition of the fair value of the interest rate swap on 1 January 2014 and at 31 December 2014. The deferred tax on the fair value movement in 2014 is recognised through the hedging reserve.

#### **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

There were presentational changes to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, which is now presented under three categories - cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities.