Using Internet Explorer with Active X Controls (add-ins)

When using Internet Explorer there are a number of Active X Controls that are sometimes needed to view webpages correctly. The two most commonly used controls within the Group are Flash Player and Java.

Although these controls may enhance websites they bring with them major security vulnerabilities.

With security in mind Active X Controls are going to be supplied to users wholly via App-V. Many of you will have already used the IE Add-ins desktop icon to view websites such as Google Street view, BIW, Landmark, Promap and more.

Generally websites will display correctly and so in the first instance users are encouraged to use the normal Internet Explorer icon that is pinned to your taskbar (as shown in Fig 1).

Normal Internet Explorer

Fig 1

From now on all staff within the Group will have a desktop icon called 'IE FLASHPLAYER' (shown in Fig 2) which will cover most websites on the Internet.

Fig 2

If you visit a website that prompts for the install of Flash Player, such as Google Maps Street View, then you will need to launch Internet Explorer via the 'IE – Flash Player' icon on your desktop to view the site correctly.

These two sources of Internet Explorer will cover most of the users within the group. For a small number of staff there will be a need to have access to additional Active X Controls to provide full functionality to various websites.

Anyone who has a need to access the **BIW**, **Network Rail**, **Aconex**, **Papervision**, **Envirocheck**, **4Projects**, **Fusion** and **Promap** websites or anything Java related will need to inform Computer Support so that they can be given access to the correct Active X. Each instance of access to an Active X Control will be provided with an additional Internet Explorer desktop icon.

Please remember that any icons presented via App-V are **NOT** to be pinned to your taskbar as it will prevent you from receiving updates to the Active X Controls.