

Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

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PE 1236

Our ref:

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Dear Ms Forbes

PE 1236 - A90/A937 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2013 regarding Petition PE1236 in relation to the recent press announcement about Laurencekirk.

As I indicated in my letter of 2 July, it was agreed that following a meeting with Aberdeenshire Council and Nestrans towards the end of June that Nestrans, on behalf of all the authorities, would employ a consultant to carry out the design and assessment works necessary to determine a preferred option for accessing Laurencekirk.

To assist Nestrans in this matter, we therefore agreed to provide a maximum contribution of £100,000 towards the total cost of the project which culminated in the press announcement on 20 August confirming this funding.

Following this development, I can now confirm that the Nestrans Board approved the employment of a consultant to carry out the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) assessment works required to create a robust case for the preferred option for access to Laurencekirk at their Board meeting yesterday.

In light of this, Nestrans will now take this matter forward.

I will therefore continue to update the Committee as appropriate as further meetings are held later this year to discuss the progression of this work, as I also indicated in my letter of 2 July.

I hope this information is helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Anderson', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

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