

Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

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Dear Ms Forbes

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I refer to my letter of 23 April 2014 regarding the above.

The “Access to Laurencekirk” study is progressing well and regular monthly progress meetings have been held during the year between the consultants CH2M Hill and the project steering group led by Nestrans, which includes representatives from Transport Scotland, Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils and Tactran.

In this context, CH2M Hill have completed the following elements of work:

- review of previous work;
- data collection and analysis;
- environmental constraints mapping;
- consultations with stakeholders and community;
- development of S-Paramics traffic model; and
- development of study objectives and long list of options

A revised programme of work taking the study up to completion of the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) report/Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Stage 1 report was presented by CH2M Hill at the last progress meeting on 12 August.

This programme anticipates another public “drop in” session with local residents in mid-November followed by the finalisation of the STAG report/DMRB Stage 1 report by the end of the year.

Thereafter, there will be a decision point for members the project steering group prior to commissioning of the DMRB Stage 2 report.

I will continue to update the Committee as this study further progresses.

I hope this information is helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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