

## Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

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Dear Mr Nairn

### PE 1236 - A90/A937 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 1 June regarding the above.

I can confirm that the "Access to Laurencekirk" study is now complete. The study was commissioned by NESTRANS and sought to determine a robust solution for access between the A90 Trunk Road and Laurencekirk and north Angus areas which would meet local objectives. The study was undertaken in accordance with Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) methodologies.

Nestrans announced on 10 June that the preferred option arising from the study is an upgrade of the A90/A937 south junction to a grade-separated junction. This solution will improve capacity and reduce delay whilst satisfying the road safety concerns of local businesses and residents. The study has also identified opportunities to improve safety at nearby junctions through closures or access restrictions, although the optimum arrangement will require to be determined through more detailed design work.

We have now spoken with Nestrans, who confirmed that the Nestrans Board Members noted and approved the principle of the findings within the draft study at their Board meeting yesterday to allow the report to be finalised and published on the Nestrans website. I hope the Committee will welcome the news that this study has now been completed.

We will now work with our partners to progress this work further, including discussions around funding.

Yours sincerely

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