

## Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

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Dear Mr Nairn

### PE 1236 - A90/A937 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

I refer to my letter of 22 August 2014 regarding the above.

I can confirm that Nestrans continue to progress the "Access to Laurencekirk" study, which we are part funding, and we are working with them and Aberdeenshire Council to identify the most robust solution in light of calls for a grade separated junction. This work is being taken forward in the context of planned developments in and around Laurencekirk and to the east of the A90 in Angus.

Within this context, and to ensure the robustness of the final STAG report/DMRB Stage 1 report, it is important that the consultant is given the further time necessary to gather all the necessary information and complete the appraisal to identify a solution that best meets the objectives of the study.

As a consequence of this, the programme of work has been extended and the additional public "drop in" session with local residents will now take place early next year. In light of these developments, we now anticipate the report will be available during the early part of next year.

Thereafter, as I indicated in my letter, there will be a decision point for members of the project steering group prior to commissioning of the DMRB Stage 2 report and 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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