

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1236
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(See 'Written submissions' for responses)**

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

Transport Scotland—

- The Committee seeks your views on the letter it has received from NESTRANS of 10 August 2012 ([PE1236/KK](#)) and wonders if you would like to comment ahead of the NESTRANS report being published on whether your views on the need for a grade separated junction remain the same?

NESTRANS—

- The Committee would be grateful if you could provide it with a timetable for the completion of your final report on the grade separated junction referred to in your letter of 10 August 2012.

TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012

Transport Scotland—

- The Committee would like to draw your attention to the evidence given by Nigel Don MSP. Mr Don makes reference to the 'draft development masterplan for South Montrose and raises concerns over the impact it may have on the volume of traffic which is likely to go north, by road, through the Laurencekirk South junction. The Committee would be interested to hear your views on this.

Aberdeenshire Council—

NESTRANS—

- In earlier correspondence Aberdeenshire Council has provided information on its work with NESTRANS in relation to the provision of a grade separated junction at Laurencekirk. The Council has confirmed that it expects this work to be completed by the end of June 2012. The Committee would be interested to hear the outcome of this work and would be grateful if you could provide it with an update.

TACTRAN—

- The Committee is interested to hear your views on how you believe the management of traffic going from Montrose to Laurencekirk will be impacted on by the potential increase in traffic flowing from the proposed draft development masterplan for South Montrose?
- Do you have any concerns regarding the safety of road users in respect of the need to cross the junction at Laurencekirk?

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012

Transport Scotland—

- Are you aware of the number of heavy vehicles and buses that cross the junction on a daily / weekly basis?
- Has any kind of hazard analysis been carried out with regards to the junction? If so can you clarify how and when it was carried out?
- What are your views on the information provided to the Committee by Nigel Don MSP (PE1236/DD) in relation to the number of heavy vehicles and buses crossing the junction from companies based in Laurencekirk?
- The Committee asks in light of this information that you reconsider the issues around the junction to help prevent a serious incident taking place.

Aberdeenshire Council—

- Nigel Don MSP provided the Committee with information in relation to the number of heavy vehicles and buses crossing the junction from companies based in Laurencekirk (PE1236/DD). The Committee are aware that the statutory obligation for the road lies with Transport Scotland, however it asks that in light of the information it has received from Nigel Don MSP if you would also consider making representations to Transport Scotland to help progress the issue of a grade separated junction.

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011

Transport Scotland—

- In her latest submission the petitioner raised the question as to whether or not a split level junction is an option that they would be willing to consider?

Aberdeenshire Council

- The Council may be aware that the Committee have been considering this petition which is seeking the construction of a grade separated junction where the A937 crosses the A90 at Laurencekirk. Transport Scotland have recently carried out a cost refinement exercise in relation to a grade separated junction and have concluded that it supports their stance against carrying out the work requested in the petition.

In her most recent submission to the Committee, the petitioner asks Transport Scotland if a split level junction is something that they would consider instead and the Committee agreed to also write to Aberdeenshire Council to seek its views on the suggestion of a split level junction.

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2011

Transport Scotland

- The Committee would welcome further information on issues raised during the discussion of the petition, for example the cost refinement exercise mentioned by the Minister and the timetable for going forward.

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change

- The Committee invite you to give oral evidence to them at their meeting on 25 January 2011.
- The Committee would also draw your attention to its discussion on the petition at its meeting on 23 November 2010 and the points raised by Mike Rumbles on the clarification of statistics during that discussion. It would also like to draw your attention to the petitioners submission of 9 November (PE1236/R) and the appendix contained within.

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2010

Transport Scotland—

- While you have explained why you cannot provide accurate costs for the grade separated junction at Laurencekirk the Committee will you please provide an *estimated* cost for carrying out the work?
- With reference to the points made by Mike Rumbles MSP will you please provide accident figures for the 2 grade separated junctions on the A9 that have been approved so that a comparison can be made?
- Please provide information on what studies were carried out on the impact of increased vehicle capacity on the local roads from the projects mentioned in the petitioner's letter of 4 October 2010 (PE1236/P)

TUESDAY 18 MAY 2010

Transport Scotland—

- Can you provide the Committee with an accurate cost to provide a flyover at Laurencekirk?
- Can you provide the Committee with the accident figures for two other sites where grade separation has been approved so that these figures can be compared with those at Laurencekirk.
- The Committee has also been made aware of proposed developments in the Montrose area, can I refer you to the points made by the Committee and in particular Nigel Don and Nanette Milne in respect of the impact these developments may have on the volume of traffic and the adequacy of the junction.

TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2010

Transport Scotland—

- Can you copy the Committee into the invitation that is to be sent to the Petitioner to meet with Transport Officials and the date of the meeting when that has been finalised. The Committee would also like to be provided with a copy of the action points that arise from this meeting.

- Can you provide clarification on the statistics that have previously been provided to the Committee on this petition (can I refer you to the discussion between the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change and members of the Committee on this matter).