

PE1223/HHH

ATCO Scotland Email of 5 November 2014

Dear Andrew

The signage pilot was discussed at the ATCO Scotland meeting on 6 September 2014. It was noted that all local authorities had been contacted by Transport Scotland.

We were aware that West Lothian had expressed a potential interest and had asked Transport Scotland for more information about what their involvement would entail. However, as far as we know, no further information was forthcoming.

We discussed the matter at length, and particularly the need for selecting the appropriate partner Council to trial the pilot. However, given that participation was a decision for individual local authorities, it was agreed that ATCO Scotland would not seek to co-ordinate or manage a response. ATCO Scotland believes that, as a minimum, at least one rural authority should be selected.

In our view, reduction in Council staffing has meant that many are reluctant to get involved without clear timeframe and cost expectations.

We would add that other significant factors affecting school transport safety include the assessment of routes, pickup points, and pupil behaviour around transport.

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