



PE1236/FF

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Your ref.

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The Scottish Parliament

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Dear Alison

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION [PE1236](#)

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2012 in which you requested on behalf of the Committee, a response to the following:

- 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.

I can confirm that as per our response to the questions raised at the meeting of the Committee on 13th December, work is underway that will allow a case to be put to Transport Scotland setting out the long term strategic benefits of putting in place a grade separated junction at Laurencekirk at the earliest opportunity. The focus of that work, which is being carried out by Nestrans officers in liaison with officers from Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils, will be the role that the strategic trunk road network across Scotland should be playing in allowing our communities to prosper and the impact on the wider economic development in the Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen City, Angus and Dundee areas of the 50 mph limit at this location on an otherwise derestricted inter urban trunk road.

It is anticipated that this work will be complete by the end of June 2012 and would subsequently be submitted to Transport Scotland. If it were considered of benefit Nestrans and Aberdeenshire Council would be willing to make officers available to attend a future meeting of the Petitions Committee to discuss this area of work further.

Yours sincerely

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