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Dear Ms Wilson,

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1236

I refer to your letter dated 19 June 2012 seeking Tactran's views on traffic management and road safety issues raised in consideration of the above Petition. The following officer comments are offered in response to the specific issues highlighted in the attachment to your letter of 19 June.

Management of traffic from Montrose to Laurencekirk

At this stage no detailed assessment of the wider traffic implications of proposed developments within the South Montrose Draft Development Masterplan has been undertaken. The potential traffic impacts of the Draft Development Masterplan and other proposed developments in south Aberdeenshire and north Angus has been the subject of discussions between Aberdeenshire Council, Angus Council, Nestrans and Transport Scotland. Arising from these discussions Nestrans has agreed to review previous traffic assessment work undertaken in relation to various proposed developments and the wider implications of development in the south Aberdeenshire and Angus Council area, and their impacts on the A90(T)/A937 junction. The outcome of this work is currently awaited.

Subject to the outcome of the review referred to above, it is envisaged that traffic associated with proposals identified in the South Montrose Draft Development Masterplan would be encouraged to use the strategic route network identified in the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS). Recognising the economic importance of northward and southward connectivity to Montrose and the Port of Montrose, the RTS identifies the A935 and A92 as the appropriate strategic connections between Montrose and A90(T), including for Port-related traffic. Accordingly, priority has been given to upgrading both of these routes through previous Tactran Capital Programmes and Angus Council's ongoing Capital Programme investment in Route Action Plan measures to improve road safety and accommodate freight traffic on both routes, in support of the RTS Delivery Plan. It is Tactran's view that Heavy Goods Vehicles, both existing and any additional traffic generated by potential developments in South Montrose and the Port, should be discouraged from using

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A937 in favour of accessing the Trunk Road network via A935 and/or A92, and the more suitable grade-separated junctions onto the Trunk Road network via these connections.

Road Safety at A90(T)/A937 Junction

As indicated above, the A937 is not defined as a regionally significant A-class road in terms of the RTS. Traffic management and road safety on A937 is a matter for the local roads authorities, Angus Council and Aberdeenshire Council, whilst responsibility for road safety at the A90(T)/A937 junction, which lies outwith the Tactran region, rests with Transport Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council. It is understood that the earlier imposition of a 50-mph speed limit and safety cameras at the junction has significantly improved road safety. As indicated above, it is considered that Heavy Goods Vehicles, other than those requiring access to properties along A937, should be discouraged from using this route in favour of the more appropriate A935 and A92 connections to/from A90(T).

I trust that the above comments address the specific issues raised by the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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