

## Major Transport Infrastructure Projects

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Dear Mr Howlett

### Consideration of Petition PE1478

Thank you for your letter dated 3 October 2013 regarding early completion of the Balmedie to Tippetty section of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route Balmedie to Tippetty (AWPR/B-T) project.

Transport Scotland is currently engaging with three bidders as part of the procurement process for the AWPR/B-T project. Once the contract has been awarded in autumn 2014, we will have a clearer picture of the timings and completion dates for each section.

I note the Committee's request for an early completion of Balmedie to Tippetty dualling. I can assure you that Transport Scotland is working with the bidders to ensure that Balmedie to Tippetty improvements are delivered as soon as reasonably practicable during the construction period.

I trust that this is helpful

Yours sincerely

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