



A9 Dualling
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Dear Sir,

Response to Consultation on A9 Dualling

I refer to the above consultation. This response is submitted by Tactran, the statutory Regional Transport Partnership covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas.

The Partnership supports the A9 dualling proposals in principle, in terms of the benefits offered in removing delays and bottlenecks that hinder the efficient movement of people and goods and improving overall road safety on this key strategic route. The proposals will put into effect, in part, the Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan Project 16: Programme of Road Safety Measures for the A9 between Stirling and Perth and Perth and Inverness.

However, the Partnership is concerned at the impact of the current proposals on Dunkeld & Birnam Railway Station, in particular the loss of car parking and reduced connectivity with the village of Birnam. Tactran requests that Transport Scotland investigates and consults further on alternative route alignment and design options which maintain local community connectivity and availability of car parking facilities at the Station, having particular regard to STPR proposals to improve Highland Main Line rail services for the benefit of the communities served along the line.

The Partnership believes that Transport Scotland should adopt a holistic approach to the planning and design of transport improvements on the Perth – Inverness corridor, where the STPR and Infrastructure Investment Plan 2011 propose significant parallel rail and road improvements. It is essential that these proposals/projects are planned and designed in a coordinated and complementary manner which ensures maximisation of cross-modal transportation and community benefits, including enhanced integration and interchange opportunities. In terms of the above concerns regarding impact of the current dualling proposals on Dunkeld & Birnam Station, Tactran would envisage the role of stations such as Dunkeld & Birnam being

enhanced by STPR Project 17 : Highland Mainline Rail Improvements, with consequent generation of additional demand for rail travel and the need for improved connectivity and multi-modal interchange facilities at locations such as Dunkeld & Birnam Railway Station.

I trust that the above comments are of assistance. If you require any further information, or clarification of any of the above comments, please contact Michael Cairns, Strategy Manager on 01738 475774 or michaelcairns@tactran.gov.uk in the first instance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Guthrie', with a small dot at the end.

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