

Your reference

Being dealt with by Mr. H. Downey

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Dear Mr Priestley,

South West Scotland Transport Study Initial Appraisal: Case for Change Feedback Survey

The Council's Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting this morning, 23rd August, agreed to submit the following comments in relation to the above mentioned consultation.

Support for Roads Infrastructure in Scotland

"This Council:

- recognises the long-standing cultural and economic ties between Northern Ireland and Scotland and that fundamental to increasing the benefit to Belfast from this connection is the need to improve transport connections between Scotland and Northern Ireland;

- welcomes the fact that the ferry services between Cairnryan and Belfast, by Stena Line, 6 times per day, and between Cairnryan and Larne, by P&O, 7 times per day, are among the busiest services in the UK and represent a strong opportunity for economic and tourism growth. However, the inadequate transport infrastructure beyond the ferry terminals at Cairnryan is inhibiting that growth and require investment to bring them up to standard; and

- supports the campaign in Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway for investment in the roads infrastructure - along the A77 towards Glasgow/central Scotland and along the A75 towards the Scotland/England border, which are both predominantly single carriageway routes and pass through a number of small towns and villages – and in the rail infrastructure along the same routes, and agrees to write to the Scottish Government in support of calls for a long-term

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programme of such investment in the transport infrastructure of South West Scotland.”

I would request that these comments are recorded and reflected upon when analysing the consultation responses.

Yours sincerely,

Democratic Services Officer