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Date: 25  
September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **A96 DUALLING EAST OF HUNTLY TO ABERDEEN INITIAL ROUTE OPTIONS PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS, OCTOBER 2018**

As you may be aware, Transport Scotland has been progressing with the design development and assessment of route options to provide a new A96 dual carriageway between east of Huntly and Aberdeen.

As part of our ongoing community and stakeholder engagement for the scheme, public exhibition events are to be held in Inverurie, Huntly and Blackburn from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The purpose of the public exhibitions is to explain the process being undertaken in the appraisal of the options developed following the preliminary engineering and strategic environmental assessment work for the route east of Nairn to Aberdeen, and to give the public and other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the developing route options.

Representatives from Transport Scotland and their design consultants, AmeyArup, will be available to answer questions on the design and assessment work being carried out as Transport Scotland works towards selecting a preferred option for the scheme in 2019.

We would like to invite you and other members of the Community Council to attend the public exhibitions, the details of which are provided below:

- **Monday 8 October 2018, Inverurie Town Hall, 12 noon – 7pm**  
Inverurie Town Hall, Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3SN
- **Tuesday 9 October, Inverurie Town Hall, 12 noon – 7pm**  
Inverurie Town Hall, Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3SN
- **Wednesday 10 October, Stewarts Hall, Huntly, 12 noon – 7pm**  
Stewarts Hall, 15 - 17 Gordon Street, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, AB54 8AJ
- **Thursday 11 October, Kinellar Community Centre, Blackburn, 12 noon – 7pm**  
Kinellar Community Centre, Fintry Road, Blackburn, Aberdeenshire, AB21 0JQ

As a further part of our ongoing community engagement process, I confirm our intention to hold a second round of Community Council Forums following the public exhibition events. The Community Council Forum will give you another opportunity to discuss the material presented at the public exhibitions with the project team and ask any questions you or the members of the Community Council may have. The Forums will be hosted by Transport Scotland's A96 Dualling team and our design consultant AmeyArup.

Billy Gordon, AmeyArup's Landowner and Communities Manager, will contact you shortly to confirm the intended dates for the Community Council Forums. As before, we propose that each Community Council send a maximum of two representatives to the Forum, to ensure that each Community Council has equal representation.

Details on the A96 Dualling East of Huntly to Aberdeen scheme can be found at: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a96-dualling-inverness-to-aberdeen/a96-east-of-huntly-to-aberdeen/>. The information on display at the public exhibitions will also be available on the Transport Scotland website from 12 noon on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Yours faithfully,



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