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Dear Mr Maxwell

A96 THREAPLAND JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS SCOPING REPORT

I refer to your letter of 12 September 2007 regarding the above scoping report and understand that you have already received a response from the Moray Council from our Planning and Development Section dated 25 September 2007.

I do not have any specific environmental comments to add to their response, but would ask that the following comments be passed onto the designers.

This is the first opportunity the Roads Service has had to see the revised layout which you now describe as the preferred option. Whilst in general we would support the new proposal as we do believe it does address the major accident issues, there is still the junction with the Garden Centre which does not appear to have been addressed in this option. Whilst the most recent fatality occurred at the Loch Oire junction there have been a number of serious accidents since 1999 which have involved the Garden Centre junction and vehicles either turning right or waiting to go ahead west to east.

There also appears to be no provision for cyclists along the new section of road and I would urge you to consider the provision of a shared use cycle/footway alongside the road to link Lhanbryde with the proposed Fochabers Mosstodloch Bypass cycle provision.



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This response should also be taken as the reply on behalf of HITRANS as their advisor.

I trust these comments have been helpful.

Yours sincerely

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