ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE A96 TRUNK ROAD (THREAPLAND JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS) ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS, as the relevant roads authority, are considering implementing the following project.

The A96 Trunk Road (Threapland Junction Improvements) is a proposed new road improvement scheme including the following:-

The A96 Trunk Road (Threapland Junction Improvements) is a proposed junction improvements scheme, the general effect of which will be to provide for the construction of new side roads, the improvement of certain existing lengths of road to form new and improved connections in relation to the new roads, the provision of a length of temporary road, the stopping up of various lengths of existing roads, the stopping up of private means of access and the provision of certain new means of access.

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS, give notice that the project is subject to the environmental impact assessment procedure prescribed by sections 20A and 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act as amended and they have previously prepared an Environmental Statement in accordance with the provisions of that Act as amended. They have now prepared an addendum to the Environmental Statement.

A COPY of the addendum to the Environmental Statement may be inspected, free of charge, from 27 January 2009 to 20 March 2009 at:-

The offices of Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF; the offices of Moray Council, Council Office, Academy Street, Elgin IV32 7JB between 08:45hs - 16:45hrs (Mon - Thurs) & 08:45hrs - 16:00hrs (Fri); Lhanbryde Post Office, 32 St. Andrews Road, Lhanbryde, Elgin IV30 8NZ between 08:00hrs - 21:00hrs (Mon - Sat) and 08:00hrs - 21:00hrs (Sun); Fochabers Public Library, 55 High Street, Fochabers, IV32 7DY between 10:00hrs - 13:00hrs & 17:00hrs - 20:00hrs (Tues), 14:00hrs - 17:00hrs (Wed), 17:00hrs - 20:00hrs (Fri) & 10:00hrs - 12:00hrs (Sat) and Urquhart Post Office, Station Road, Urquhart by Elgin, IV30 8LQ between 10:00hrs - 12:00hrs (Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri) on normal business days of the relevant office or facility.

COPIES of the addendum to the Environmental Statement can also be obtained from Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF at a charge of £125.00 for a hard copy or £15.00 for the CD. Requests for further information about the project may be sent to the same address.

A COPY of the Environmental Statement and addendum is also available for inspection on Transport Scotland's website at www.transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk.

ANY PERSON wishing to make any representations about the project and the addendum to the Environmental Statement, may do so in writing, to David Pollock, Transport Scotland, Major Transport Infrastructure Projects, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF quoting reference OTG/1590/1. Any such representations must be received on or before 20 March 2009.

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS will take into consideration any representations so made before deciding whether or not to proceed with the project with or without modifications.

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