

Hi Wendy

I have just finished a conversation with Anne and she has agreed the following response in connection with the Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy Re-fresh 2012; Main Issues and Review of RTS Actions. Can you please send the following (in blue print) to Rab Dickson, Transport Strategy Manager, North East Scotland Transport Partnership (Nestrans), in Anne's name along with the RTP questionnaire, before the deadline of Friday 30 November?

MACS has no detailed comments to make in connection with the Nestrans RTS refresh consultation document. However we would like the following to be considered:

1. Section 2. What has changed since the RTS was published in 2008? Page 11 Consultation question 2.

*No mention has been made of the Equality Act 2010. MACS proposes that the implications of this ACT on the Strategy be considered.*

2. Section 3. What trends are forecast to 2035? Page 15 Consultation question 3.

*Have the future demographics of the area been taken into account; notably the increase in the elderly population and their mobility and accessibility needs?*

3. Strategy Policy Framework Page 39. 'E1 - An active and inclusive approach to engagement and consultation with communities and stakeholders.' *Do these groups include the disabled and elderly communities?*

*For your information the MACS Annual Report 2011-2012 can be found at <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/public-transport/MACS/Publications/annual-accounts>*

In addition a questionnaire has been circulated to RTPs requesting information on how they address inequalities. The deadline for responses to the questionnaire was 16 November 2012. This information will be analysed and discussed at the MACS meeting on 22 January 2013. A copy of the questionnaire is attached for your information.

We hope you find this helpful.

Many thanks

Annette