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Dear Mr Cruickshank

**CONSULTATION: TRANSPORT LEGISLATION – REVIEW OF SPECIAL  
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE PROVISIONS.**

Thank you for your letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006 concerning the above and apologies for the delay in responding.

South Lanarkshire does not have responsibility for harbour provision and therefore we will not be commenting on the Harbours Act 1964 or Pilotage Act 1987.

In relation to the proposed alterations to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 it would appear that the proposals offer an opportunity to streamline the overall decision making process and this is welcomed.

With regards the particular questions raised :-

I do not have any significant concerns, however it is important that whatever procedure is developed is clear, manageable and can resolve any disputes quickly and effectively. It is noted and welcomed that the proposed changes will bring the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 into line with other similar procedures for dealing with maintained objections.

It is not clear who would host any subsequent inquiries or hearings or where these would take place, although it is assumed that it is likely to be the responsibility of the Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters Unit (SEIRU).

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It is also not clear if there would be any resource or financial implications for Local Authorities should the proposals be taken forward. Procedures would have to be developed to eliminate minor irrelevant objections so that inquiries or hearings would not be held unnecessary.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention and in the meantime should you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact **Douglas Scott on 01698 453648.**

Yours sincerely



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