## A9 Dualling Tomatin to Moy – NMU Summary of feedback and opportunities

National Cycle Network Route 7 (NCN7) in the Dalmagarry / Invereen area and the existing NCN at-grade crossing of the A9 at Dalmagarry Burn will be affected by the works.

National Cycle Network Route 7 (NCN7) will continue to route through the Project. Options to maintain NMU access are being considered within the Project design and these include:

- Diversion of NCN7 via the grade separated junction at Tomatin, then following the alignment of the B9154 link between Tomatin and Moy passing Dalmagarry.
- Realignment of the existing NCN7 route so that it runs parallel to the A9 northbound carriageway, crossing the A9 at Dalmagarry via an underpass to join the B9154 link to Moy.

Both of these options will provide a safer grade-separated NMU crossing of the A9, where currently there is an at-grade crossing.

The removal of the existing layby on the A9 northbound carriageway to the south of Dalmagarry Burn would have a negative impact on NMUs in this area who access the hill tracks to a nearby Graham from this layby.

Options for providing, where necessary, alternative facilities for NMUs to access existing paths and tracks are being considered as part of the Stage 3 design development. A location for an alternative layby on the B9154 to the east of the A9 is being investigated. This would allow access to the hill tracks on the west of the A9 via the proposed underpass at Dalmagarry.

The removal of the lay-by at the existing Farr Wind Farm access road would result in a negative impact upon access for NMUs.

Alternative access options for NMUs to the Right of Way / wind farm access track are being explored, and this includes the potential for provision of a layby on the A9 northbound carriageway in proximity to the location of the existing at-grade junction to the wind farm.

Access for NMU groups may be affected by the loss of bus stops at Tomatin North and Dalmagarry/Moy.

Although it is expected that the bus stops on the existing A9 at Tomatin North and Dalmagarry/Moy will be closed as part of the dualling proposals, access to public transport is being considered as part of design development. This includes exploring the potential for local access arrangements to and from the A9 and the provision of alternative bus stops, for example in Tomatin village.

## **Feedback**

Transport Scotland welcomes your comments and feedback on these matters. Please provide any comments you may have as soon as possible, and by 10 January 2017. Feedback forms are available at the Public Exhibition, and you can email us at: a9dualling@mouchel.com

For further information on the Tomatin to Moy project, and to view the exhibition materials, please visit: www.transport.gov.scot/project/a9-tomatin-moy