

10. Investment Decision Makers' Meeting

- 10.1.1 An Investment Decision Makers' Meeting was held on 4th September 2007 at which the recommendations from this report were presented, that is, that the Yellow Route be included in the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) for consideration alongside other schemes within Scotland.
- 10.1.2 More specifically, it was recommended that the single carriageway (S2) and the wide single carriageway with overtaking (WS2+1) both be considered at Stage 3 design/assessment, but that either carriageway provision should include for a roundabout with the B7023.
- 10.1.3 It was noted that the red and yellow alignments only differed at the tie-in sections and that it might be possible that a combination of red and yellow north and south tie-ins would provide a better solution.
- 10.1.4 Following further consideration of this, it is confirmed here that the yellow option presents the optimum solution as the earthworks required for the red route at each end are greater than is necessary with the yellow route. Also, it is not possible to remain within the maximum permissible gradient for WS2+1 cross-section at the northern end of the red route.
- 10.1.5 The IDM therefore agreed that the Yellow S2 be included within the STPR with a recommendation that a WS2+1 alignment also be considered at stage 3, should the scheme be taken forward.

