

5 Consultation

5.1 Introduction

A successful participation and consultation process is paramount in contributing to a scheme or proposal achieving its required objectives. Chapter 13 of STAG Manual covers participation and consultation of a proposal and states that it should be central to the planning exercise. In developing a process for participation and consultation 4no. key questions need to be addressed:

- What are the objectives for the process?
- When to involve people and on what?
- Who to involve?
- How to involve?

5.2 Consultation Planning for the A737 Dalry Study

Following a review of early information, it was clear that local concerns regarding transport related problems in Dalry had been in existence for a number of years. To allow the study team to appreciate and assess these concerns, it was determined that the first action needed to be an information gathering exercise from local key stakeholders. It was agreed with the Client that this exercise should be an inclusive consultation and should cast widely at a local level to include the local MSP, local councillors, Dalry Community Council, relevant North Ayrshire Council departments, Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire, Ayrshire Joint Structure team, Strathclyde Police, SPT, Bus Operators, and key environmental contacts including SNH, SEPA etc.

The consultations were carried by the appropriate team member: - Mouchel Parkman carried out the bulk of the consultations; Young Associates carried out the consultation process on environmental aspects, and Roger Tym and Partners consulted regarding economic impact issues.

When and where appropriate the consultees were later circulated with details of the proposed Options for their review. Buy-in to the proposed options was seen as key to widespread acceptance of the findings of the study.

5.3 Part 1 Consultation

During meetings and telephone calls the issues raised by the consultee were recorded and are discussed in Section 3 of this Report. Table 5.1 below provides a list of the consultees.

5.4 Part 2 Consultation

Continuing consultation with the key stakeholders is an essential element of the Part 2 Assessment. Details of the options under consideration for Part 2 Assessment were issued to the key stakeholders in June 2005. This was followed by a Public Meeting at Dalry Community Centre on 13th September and a final circular letter regarding Option 2 on 22nd September.

The Public Meeting on 13th September was attended by over 100 interested parties from Dalry. In preparing this section of the Report account has been taken of the issues raised at the meeting (a copy of the detailed notes of the meeting is provided in Appendix K to this Report).

Table 5.1 – List of Part 1 Consultees

Organisation	Contact	Consultation Method		
		Meeting	Telephone	Letter
NAC, Roads Services	Jim Mason	✓	✓	
NAC, Planning Services Manager	Bob Forrest	✓		
NAC, Economic Development	Alex Anderson	✓		
NAC, Environmental Health	Kevin Thomas			✓
NAC, Catering & Cleaning (School Crossing Patrols)	Bob McLaughlin	✓		
NAC, Community Safety Rep	Margaret Smyth	✓		
NAC, Support Services (School Buses)	Dianne Leask			✓
NAC, Development and Plans (cycle plans etc)	Margaret Ferrier		✓	
SUSTRANS	Nicola Boyle		✓	
Ayrshire Joint Structure Team (Transport Officer)	Alex Knox	✓		
Ayrshire Enterprise	Michael Wright	✓		
MSP for Cunninghame North	Allan Wilson	✓		
Councillor for Dalry Ward	John Reid	✓		
Councillor for Garnock East Ward	Ian Richardson	✓		
Leader of the North Ayrshire Council	David O'Neill	✓		
Dalry Community Council, Secretary	Mrs Mack		✓	
Strathclyde Police, Roads Policing Unit	Sgt. Douglas		✓	
Stagecoach West Scotland	George Connell	✓	✓	
Strathclyde Passenger Transport	Mike Hayes	✓	✓	
Amey Highways A737 Route Manager	Brendan O'Sullivan	✓		
Strathclyde Fire Brigade	Div Officer Kerr		✓	
DSM Nutritional Products (Roche Chemicals), Planner	Aileen Weir		✓	
Local (Dalry) Constituent	Anthony Hume		✓	
Road Haulage Association			✓	
Network Rail			✓	
Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Bob Leitch		✓	✓
Ayrshire & Arran Tourist Board	Muriel Norwood		✓	✓
Environmental Consultees				
Health and Safety Executive	J Shelton			✓
Historic Scotland	Lily Linge			✓
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Gavin Ferguson			✓
Scottish Executive Wildlife & Habitats Division	Deborah Gooch			✓
Scottish Executive Air Climate & Engineering Unit	Guy Winter			✓
Scottish Natural Heritage	Graeme Walker			✓
Ayrshire Rivers Trust	Alastair Duguid			✓

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			Meeting	Telephone	Letter
Forestry Commission Scotland		John Dougan			✓
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds		Zoe Clelland			✓
Scottish Badgers		Ian Hutchinson			✓
Scottish Wildlife Trust		Gill Smart			✓
West of Scotland Archaeological Service		Dr Carol Swanson		✓	✓
NAC, Environmental Health		Kevin Thomas			✓
NAC Air Quality & Traffic Noise		John Murdoch		✓	
Dalry Cross Shopkeepers					
1	Penny Farthing Restaurant		✓		
2	Shear Magic Hairdresser		✓		
3	J&J McCosh Solicitor		✓		
4	Library		✓		
5	Coral Bookmakers		✓		
6	Dentist		✓		
7	Drinks Cellar		✓		
8	Simply Fresh		✓		
9	Post Office		✓		
10	Irvine's Bakery		✓		
11	Last Minute Gift Shop		✓		
12	Co-op		✓		
13	Stalker Family Butcher		✓		
14	G&G Todd Newsagent		✓		