

Appendix 3 - Consultation Responses

This appendix provides a list of the consultees who would respond to the Environmental Assessment Scoping Report.

- Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan and Transportation Committee
- Amey Infrastructure Services
- BTO Scotland
- Health and Safety Executive
- Historic Scotland
- Kyle and Carrick Civic Society
- Scottish Executive – Climate Change and Air Division
- Scottish Executive – Planning Division
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Wildlife Trust
- Scotways
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- SOC County Recorder
- South Ayrshire Council – Senior Parks and Landscape Strategy Officer
- South Ayrshire Council – Building Standards
- South Ayrshire Council – Local Planner

Steven Harding

From: John Esslemont [John.Esslemont@south-ayrshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 25 October 2006 10:40
To: Steven Harding
Subject: A77 Symington & Bogend Toll Upgrade

Steven,

I refer to the recent correspondence on the above.

With reference to the Policies and Plans section/Baseline Information I would wish to draw your attention to the recently submitted Structure Plan for Ayrshire. Ministerial approval is expected in 2007.

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Policy TRANS 3, p 42 within this document recognises the importance of this improvement on economic and safety grounds.

Environmental safeguards are set out in the environmental section and schedule 1 of this document. I would draw your attention specifically to policy ENV11 which seeks to avoid/minimise air, noise and light pollution and to ensuring good quality design in the final solution.

Should you require any further clarification on Structure Plan policy please contact me at the address below.

Regards

John

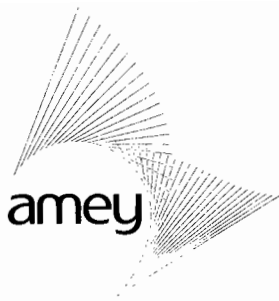
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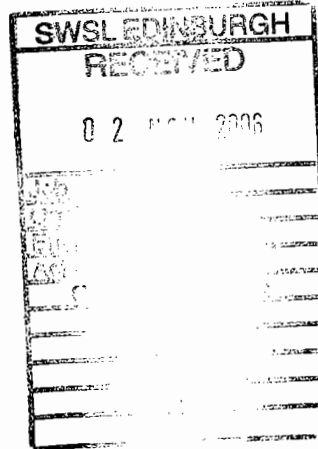
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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR NIGEL HACKETT

Our reference: SW/E03/06/1101/065/DW/LMcF/2268
Your reference: S100471/e20

Date: 31st October 2006

Dear Sir



3G TERM CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK- SOUTH WEST UNIT

A77 Symington and Bogend Toll Upgrade

I refer to your letter dated 4th October 2006 regarding the above proposal and your request for further comments.

I would like to offer the following comments:

- The proposed overbridges at Bogend Toll and Symington will have a significant residual impact on the landscape. Concerns have been raised as to the appropriate mitigation, where planting of trees and shrubs on the embankments could further impact on the landscape instead of enhancing it. Increased land take around the overbridges may be necessary to provide a suitable landscape design.
- As the main objective of the proposals is to reduce accidents along this stretch of the A77, concerns have been raised regarding the safety of the access from Hansel Village. Sightlines at the present access are poor and the proposed grade separation of junctions at Symington and Bogend Toll, may lead to an increase in vehicle speeds along this section. Vehicles exiting from Hansel village already find it difficult to find a safe gap in the oncoming traffic. Could the access to Hansel Village and Langlands be combined and exit onto the C138? This would lead to vehicles joining the A77 at the Underwood junction where there are improved sightlines and an acceleration/merging lane.

I trust these concerns can be resolved, and would be grateful if you could keep us informed of any developments.

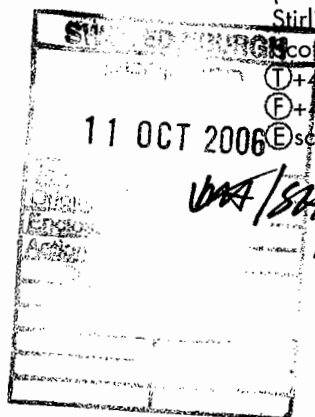


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Dear Mr Hackett

**A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE
CONSULTATION WITH NON STATUTORY ORGANISATIONS**

Further to your letter, requesting comments and information regarding the above, the BTO are not able to comment on potential development proposals that are sent to us unsolicited.

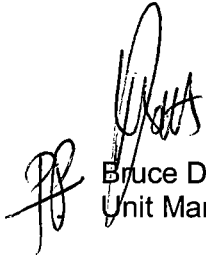
If you would like to engage one of our research ecologists to review the ornithological component of any ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT and report on the findings, then please would you contact Anne Cotton at the above address and this can be arranged on a consultancy basis.

Alternatively, if you wish to make a formal request for ornithological data held by us, then please send your request to this email address 'su.gough@bto.org' and you will be advised on the data that is available. Any data that is eventually provided will incur a charge.

Yours sincerely

pp Dr Chris Wernham
Head of Office
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Kind regards

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Dear Sirs

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT A77
within South Ayrshire Council area**

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2006 enclosing a copy of the environmental statement for the proposed development by Transport Scotland at A77 Symington and Bogend Toll.

Environmental Impact Assessments are concerned with projects, which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. HSE's principal concerns are the health and safety of people affected by work activities. HSE has no comments on this environmental statement.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Mr Hackett

A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE CONSULTATION WITH STATUTORY ORGANISATION

I refer to your letter of 3 October enclosing a copy of the scoping report (September 2006) produced as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment for this scheme and seeking any relevant further information or comments on this proposal. I can confirm that for our historic environment interests Historic Scotland has nothing further to add to the comments set out in our letter of 21 April 2006 to Shona Hainey of South Ayrshire Council. A further copy is attached here for ease of reference.

In summary we are content that the scheme proposed will not directly affect any historic environment assets nor raise any significant issues for their setting. We have also given consideration to the likelihood of the proposed works disturbing any as yet unrecorded archaeological sites, and thus the need for archaeological evaluation of new land take. However, taking account of existing archaeological information, the nature and scale of the works proposed and current surrounding land use we consider that the risk of these small scale road improvements disturbing any unrecorded archaeological remains is very low. Consequently we do not see the need for any archaeological work to be undertaken in advance of construction of this scheme and are content that it raises no significant issues for the historic environment.

Finally, on a technical point your penultimate paragraph asks about the availability of historic environment datasets. In general the most readily accessible source is PASTMAP, an interactive website produced jointly by Historic Scotland and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. I enclose a leaflet giving details. You could also consult the sites and monuments record maintained by the local authority's archaeological adviser's, in this case West of Scotland Archaeology Service. This may contain additional, local information not included in PASTMAP. The local authority planning department will also hold details on listed buildings in their area. I hope this is of assistance

Yours sincerely

Lily Linge



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Dear Ms Hainey

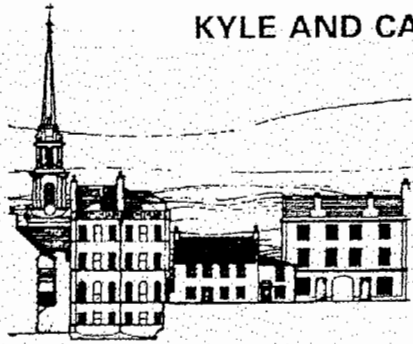
A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE

In reviewing a number of our case files I am aware that due to pressure of work we were unable to respond to your consultation of 1 December and reminder of 7 February seeking comments on the above proposed road improvements. Although I recognise that the time has long passed for returning comments I thought it might be useful for your records if I were to clarify even at this late date that Historic Scotland is content and has no comments to offer on what you propose. I apologise that we were not able to provide this clarification earlier.

Yours sincerely

Lily Linge





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Dear Sirs

A77 Symington and Bogend Toll Upgrade

We thank you for the information received regarding the above proposals.

The removal of crossing traffic from this stretch of road can only be an improvement and while we would prefer to see further reductions in access roads (as proposed in S100471/SK02A) presumably financial considerations have ruled this out.

Nevertheless we welcome the proposed improvements and look forward to their implementation.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 24 October 2006

Dear Mr Hackett

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE (SCOPING)

I refer to your recent consultation under the 1999 Regulations with the Scottish Ministers about the proposed development named above.

The above Regulations provide that, among others, Scottish Ministers must make available to the applicant any information they consider relevant to the preparation of an Environmental Statement. This response relates to Scottish Ministers' responsibilities for water supply, water protection, sewerage, flood prevention, coastal protection, waste disposal and air quality. Consideration is being given to certain other responsibilities of Scottish Ministers, including countryside and natural heritage and you may expect separate responses on these aspects.

In relation to the above development, without prejudice to any further consideration Scottish Ministers may be required to give to the application, we consider the following information relevant to the preparation of an Environmental Statement:

- the developers should ensure that there is no significant impact on the water environment (both surface and groundwaters) during and after construction. Potential impacts include use of plant and machinery, plant compounds, and oil storage. They should identify all potential pollution risks associated with the proposals and identify preventative and mitigation measures;
- Sustainable Urban Drainage measures should be adopted where applicable for road drainage and the Environmental statement should also include reference to the arrangements made for proposed temporary and/or long-term methods of disposal of foul water; and
- the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) Regulations 2005 came into force on 1 April 2006. These Regulations introduced specific controls on activities which impact on the water environment, for example concerning road and engineering works (such as water crossings) and



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point source pollution, in order to meet the requirements of the EC Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) as implemented by the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003. Method statements should be produced for all aspects of site work that might impact upon the environment, containing further preventative action and mitigation to limit impacts. It is recommended that SEPA is provided with the opportunity to view these method statements in draft form prior to their being finalised should development take place.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Hackett

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999 - A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE (SCOPING OPINION)

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 03 October, enclosing details concerning a scoping opinion related to a future EIA for the above development.

Accordingly, the papers are now being circulated to interested parties within the Executive, who have been asked to send information/responses direct by 27 October. However, if any of these parties have queries, or require additional time to reply, they have been advised to contact you to negotiate, by agreement, a revised time-scale, etc.

You should note that any details provided by the Executive relates solely to a request for information under section 10 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 6 October 2006

Dear Mr Hackett

**A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE
CONSULTATION WITH STATUTORY ORGANISATIONS**

Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2006 consulting Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on the above Scoping Report.

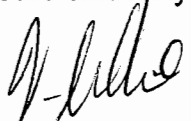
I can confirm that the scoping report covers ecological issues sufficiently enough to inform the full ES. I do however have a concern that badgers were turning up as road kill statistics as recently as 2003 and 2004 just south of the Dutch House roundabout and yet subsequent surveys have established no evidence for their presence in the vicinity. I would agree with the Scoping Report that it is important to consider road design, crossings and fencing for both badgers and otter during the preparation of the ES despite the fact that surveys for otter reflect current low numbers.

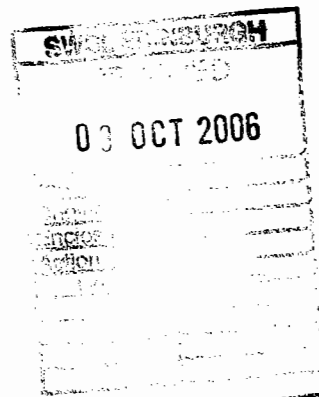
There is always a possibility that badger and/or otter numbers will increase and the opportunity to incorporate mitigation measures at this stage when major road works are being planned is an important consideration.

With regard to Landscape and Visual issues, the Scoping Report acknowledges the importance of the pastoral landscape character of the area and urges the preparation of a landscape plan which would make proposals for landscape treatment and mitigation of the scheme. SNH supports this approach.

I hope the above comments are useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me again should you require to do so.

Yours sincerely


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Date: 31 August 2006

Dear Ms Hogan

**A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE: ES ECOLOGICAL SURVEY
SCOPE**

Thank you for your letter of 29th August 2006 consulting Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on the above issue.

I can confirm that a buffer zone of 500m either side of the A77 along the proposed works will be sufficient for the detailed appraisal of ecological issues in relation to the A77 Symington to Bogend Toll upgrade.

Phase 1 Habitat Survey

We note the completion of the Phase 1 survey, and we look forward to receiving a copy of the survey results in due course. If there are recognised areas of higher biodiversity value within the 1km corridor as stated in your letter, SNH would recommend that an NVC survey be carried out on these particular areas.

Breeding Birds


SNH notes the completion of the breeding bird surveys.

Badgers

Following the reports of badger road deaths in 2003 and 2004, SNH would be keen to expand the current search area, in which no badger activity was found, to take in a wider area of search. Depending on the results, and because the road deaths are relatively recent, we may suggest the possible options of incorporating mitigation measures during the upgrading works where possible.

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Otters

SNH notes the low level of otter use in the area, however we would be interested to hear of historical or statistical data relating to road deaths along the proposed upgrade stretch. SNH may suggest the possibility of installing otter passess where upgrading works would easily facilitate this procedure.

Water Voles

SNH notes the completion of water vole surveys.

Bat Survey

SNH notes and supports the intention to carry out repeat bat surveys at optimum times including emergence surveys in any locations of high bat roost suitability.

Public Access

SNH would suggest that an assessment is undertaken to explore opportunities for improved public access to settlements and dwellings during the works phase. I would suggest that consultation is carried out with the outdoor access officer in South Ayrshire Council to identify possible routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders as provided for in the new access legislation.

Conclusion

SNH notes that *Scott Wilson Scotland Limited* will be issuing the Scoping Report to Statutory Consultees in due course for comment, and we look forward to receiving it and submitting our comments.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Hackett,

A77 Symington and Bogend Toll upgrade
Your Ref: S100471/e37

The only Local Wildlife Site that could be affected by this development is Coodham, the estate immediately north and west of Bogend Toll. However, it seems unlikely that the LWS would be adversely affected by the proposed work. It may be worth mentioning that salty drainage water from the A77 has been blamed in the past for damaging some of the trees along the boundary of Coodham Estate. This risk could be borne in mind while carrying out the proposed work.

My only other comment would be to encourage the use of native trees and shrubs, and locally sourced wildflower seed mixtures for landscaping work. This will be of particular benefit to insects and other invertebrates which often find modern farmland rather inhospitable.

Yours sincerely

Royce Hisett

Dr. R. Hisett
On behalf of SWT, Ayrshire.

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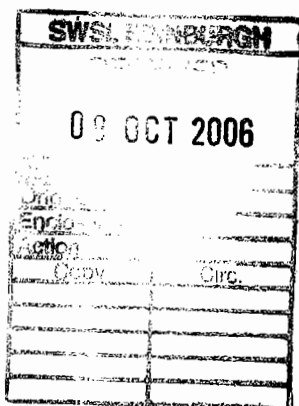
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Dear Sirs,

Your Ref: A77 Symington and Bogend Toll Upgrade

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Thank you for your letter of the 4th October.

The National Catalogue of Rights of Way does not show any rights of way in the vicinity of the upgrade. The records are not definitive, so there could be other routes in the area that meet all the criteria to be rights of way but have never been recorded.

You will no doubt bear in mind that there may now be general access rights over any property/area under the terms of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. You may be interested in our book on the subject: *Access Rights and Rights of Way – A Guide to the Law in Scotland* by Prof R Paisley. You can obtain a copy from us at the price of £10.00 including P&P.

May I say that neither the Society nor its individual officers carries professional indemnity insurance and that in these circumstances any advice that we give, while given in good faith, is always given without recourse.

Yours faithfully

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Steve,

As discussed there are no outstanding issues in the Scoping Report. SUDS will be required for both completed road and

construction drainage. The discharge from the road drainage SUDS may require CAR licences . One thing not mentioned

in the report is that there may be discharge pipes serving septic tanks in the area of the works which may be affected.

Regards

David Cord.

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Ref: S100471/e38

Dear Steven,

Many thanks for sending me the information regarding the planned upgrade of the A77 at Symington and Bogend Toll. From an ornithological standpoint, I cannot see any major issues to raise concerning this proposal. Providing that the necessary safeguards are put in place to protect any nesting species, assuming that work might be carried out between March and July, there is at present no information from this area which would suggest the presence of any species, the population of which would be seriously affected by this proposal,

Best

wishes,

Angus Hogg (SOC County Recorder)

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Dear Mr. Hackett,

A77 Symington and Bogend Toll Upgrade

Thank you for contacting me regarding the above.

I have been involved with the landscape element of this project and have contributed to the assessments carried out to date.

Last year, I produced various tables showing viewpoints with comments describing the view, the status of effects, an assessment of the visual impact and possible mitigation measures. You may consider this information useful for the Environmental Statement. If you feel this is the case, I would like to refine some of the later tables as they were completed in a very short timescale. I would be grateful if you could advise me if you will need further input from me so that I can programme any necessary work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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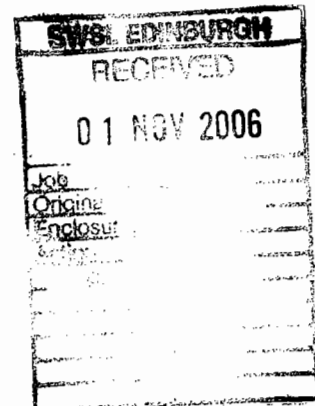
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Dear Sir

A77 SYMINGTON AND BOGEND TOLL UPGRADE

I am writing in reply to your letter of 3rd October pertaining to the above. It should be noted that the following comments are offered from a planning policy perspective.

The Scoping Report identifies most of the main issues which should be assessed in a development of this type. These include drainage and flooding, landscape setting, visual impacts, any potential impacts upon the archaeological locations and assessing the impacts upon wildlife. However there are some areas which require some clarification.

The report suggests that the area of agricultural land likely to be impacted upon by the proposed scheme will be less than 10ha. It is suggested that this figure is confirmed to ensure that consultation with the Scottish Executive on this matter can be ruled out. As it stands the loss of prime quality agricultural land would be contrary to the provisions of ENV13 of the Finalised South Ayrshire Local Plan (FSALP).

The scoping report identifies only three listed buildings in the vicinity of the proposed junction improvement. It should be noted that Coodham House is a Category A-listed building and that Coodham House Stables, which does not appear in the report, is Category B-listed. Coodham East Lodge is a Category C-listed building of which no reference is made to within the report. In addition the report identifies West Lodge at Coodham Estate which has been demolished.

Paragraph 1.14 of the report states that "*Option 1 – Linked Grade Separation was preferred overall...*" However paragraph 1.11 states that Option 1 is in fact the discrete grade separation. It is suggested that this matter should be clarified as the discrete junction was the overall preference of South Ayrshire Council. In addition it would appear that the recommended scheme in Appendix 2 is the discrete grade separation.

It would also appear that there is an inaccuracy in paragraph 6.15 in relation to TPO's at the Coodham Estate. It states that only some of trees at this location are afforded such protection whereas in fact all of the trees on the estate are protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

There are some areas which have been omitted from the Scoping Report which require to be given due regard.

As you will be aware South Ayrshire Council has both an adopted and proposed green belt. Although it appears that the proposed road improvements will not take place upon green belt land, cognisance requires to be given to the aims and objectives of the green belt should any works indirectly impact upon these areas. In this regard it is suggested that consideration should be given to the principles of the green belt, in particular those relating to preserving the landscape setting of towns and landscape character.

The FSALP, as modified through proposed modifications, includes a housing site at Symington Road North of which there is an outline planning application pending determination. The map indicates no proposed works are to take place within the boundaries of this site, however the site may experience some indirect impacts as a result of the engineering works within close proximity which require to be fully assessed.

In terms of other developments in the area discussions are ongoing with the Council regarding the development of residential properties at Coodham Estate. However a range of matters require to be resolved before this application can be concluded. An application has recently been approved for the erection of a warehouse distribution building and associated office accommodation at 23 Kilmarnock Road. There are also a number of householder applications within the area. Given the scale of these works it is extremely unlikely that they will impact upon the proposed scheme.

In conclusion there appear to be no major obstacles to the proposed works providing the relevant policy areas can be satisfactorily addressed within the Environmental Statement. As noted under Recommendation 1 of the FSALP the Council are strongly in favour of the proposed upgrading of the A77 and are keen to see the works commence as soon as is practically possible.

I hope these comments are of assistance to you. However should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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