NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

A9 DUALLING TAY CROSSING TO BALLINLUIG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 20C AND 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that the refinement of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Stage 3 design for the dualling of the Tay Crossing to Ballinluig section of the A9 to avoid demolition of the Category B Ledpettie Bridge On Disused Section Of Drive To Dunkeld House is a relevant project within the meaning of section 20C and 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 as it falls within Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to —

- (a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely
- (i) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance;
- (ii) cumulation with other existing and/or approved projects;
- (iii) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
- (iv) the production of waste;
- (v) pollution and nuisances,
- (b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 20C(2) and 55A(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and the Environmental Statement for the A9 Dualling Tay Crossing to Ballinluig,
- (c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 16 September 2024, available at Road Orders and Records of Determination | Records of Determination | Transport Scotland,

the design change does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (a) Refinement of the specimen design will avoid demolition of, and reduce impacts on the setting of, the Category B Listed Ledpettie, Bridge on Disused Section of Drive to Dunkeld House:
- (b) There will be no additional impacts on the River Tay (Dunkeld) National Scenic Area;
- (c) Consultation has been undertaken with Historic Environment Scotland, Perth and Kinross Council, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, NatureScot and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to obtain advice and ensure appropriate mitigation measures are in place; and
- (d) The change in design will not result in any new or different baseline conditions or significant effects and will not alter the findings or conclusions of the A9 Tay Crossing to Ballinluig Environmental Impact Assessment as set out in the Environmental Statement.

The features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

- (a) Containment measures of the working area will be in place to prevent debris or pollutants from entering the surrounding environment;
- (b) In advance of construction, a structural survey will be undertaken to inform the programme of work to consolidate and support the Category B Listed Ledpettie, Bridge on Disused Section of Drive to Dunkeld House; and
- (c) Listed Building Consent will be obtained for the Category B Listed Ledpettie, Bridge on Disused Section of Drive to Dunkeld House and all conditions adhered to.

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