Birnam to Ballinluig A9 Community Group

*Working constructively to get the best community outcomes from the A9 dualling proposals*

**The next A9 Community Group meeting will be on Thursday 26th February , 7.30pm at the Birnam Arts (Dance and Drama room)**

**(if you're not yet on our email list, let us know, see below)**

Best wishes for 2026 to you all!

**Dualling of Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing:**

Jut before Christmas responses from Transport Scotland were received by the A9 Community Group, the Community Council and many individuals to the representations/objections made to them during the statutory consultation period which ended in July. Thanks to those of you who have copied yours to me (all welcome!) and if you have not yet received any response at all please let me know.

We also received from them, extremely late, their minutes from the three meetings we had with them in June and July during the statutory consultation.

Most responses are very lengthy and have needed plenty of time to absorb and not all seem to address certain specific questions or comments put to them. We will have had a first discussion together on TS's responses at the A9CG meeting on 29th January .There will be more!

For the moment, please note the following from the TS cover letter to each response:

"*As you may be aware, it is possible for an objector to withdraw an objection or parts of an objection as matters become resolved, and such a withdrawal does not prejudice or otherwise adversely affect the position of the objector with regard to the unresolved parts of their objection. This is common practice. We would request that you provide Transport Scotland with written confirmation in respect of those aspects, all or any, of the objection which you now consider resolved."*

In other words if you feel they have given an adequate response to an objection, tell them. If not, they have to assume that the objection stands but it is safer if you write to say that you are not withdrawing (in whole or part). You do not have to say why at this point.

If you need clarification or wish to comment on any aspect of the TS reply to you, write to A9dualling@jacobs.com

TS present timetable**,** subject to completion of statutory processes (which may include a Public Local Enquiry) is: procurement expected to commence Summer 2028, contract award expected Spring 2029, dualling expected to be operational by end of 2033

**Dualling of Tay Crossing to Ballinluig:**

Ruth Whillis, TS Project Manager for the stretch attended our meeting on 27th Nov together with Angela Newlands, Community Liaison Manager for contractor Wills Bros and Chris Dale, Wills Site Agent.

They made a presentation on plans for the start of construction work, including the one way working from November until March on weekdays between 1930pm and 0600 am and answered a variety of questions from residents, mostly those living near that stretch. Thanks to those of you who came!

We await information about a contractor drop-in event for Dunkeld and Birnam

Completion/dualling operational is expected to be end 2028

Angela Newlands can be contacted at AngelaNewlands@willsbros.com 01698 479230 or enquiries.A9TC2B@willsbros.com 0800 011 4255. The details of the dualling design for Tay Crossing to Ballinluig are at:

https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a9-dualling-perth-to-inverness/a9-tay-crossing-to-ballinluig/project-details/

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As always you can contact us at email: dunkeldA9workinggroup@gmail.com , also to have your details added (or removed from) our mailing list; or just phone me!

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