Birnam to Ballinluig A9 Community Group

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

Notice of change:

The next A9 Community Group meeting will be on Thursday 2nd April, 7.30pm at the Guide Hall - not 26th March as shown in Bridge. Apologies that we didn't know in time.

NB: 26th March is the Birnam Arts AGM at 7pm. Very important, do go if you can!

And our following meeting will be Thursday 30th April, Birnam Arts, 7.30pm

Dualling of Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing:

Thanks to those who came to our January and February meetings to discuss responses received so far to objections made to Transport Scotland 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.

From the comments on TS responses so far, no -one is inclined to withdraw objections at this stage and there are a number of folk who are still seeking further information or clarifications from them. The Community Council has responded to TS and asked for a meeting, which every objector is entitled to do.

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

"*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."*

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

The 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:

Thanks to the residents from Dowally and Kindallachan who attended to discuss progress of the dualling preparatory work which started in November.. Concerns have been expressed about risks of increased water runoff/landslip as a result of the significant tree clearing done on the slopes on the right side of the present A9 going north between Tay Crossing and Dowally, and about water management risks and inconvenience to residents at the Wills construction compound site on the right going north between Guay and Kindallachan.

Completion of the dualling of this stretch is expected to be end 2028 and despite reminders to Wills and TS at the time of writing this we still await information about a contractor drop-in event for Dunkeld and Birnam

Angela Newlands, Wills Community Liaison Manager 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/**Junctions Action Group**

Dave Roberts of JAG gave an update on their work and in particular their meeting with TS and BEAR last August about safety improvements at the Dunkeld/ Trochry Rd junctions. For detail see separate JAG reports in Bridge.

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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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