

Minute of Appointment of Mr D N Gordon BSc(Hons) MSc MRTPI, Mr S Ferrie MSc MRTPI and Mr M Cunliffe BSc(Hons) MSc MCIWEM in terms of Section 139 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and of paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947.

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 139 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947, hereby appoint Mr D N Gordon BSc (Hons) MSc MRTPI, Mr S Ferrie MSc MRTPI and Mr M Cunliffe BSc(Hons) MSc MCIWEM, to call and hold a Public Local Inquiry in connection with the undernoted Orders against which objections have been lodged and have not been withdrawn and to report to them the said Inquiry. The Scottish Ministers have decided to call a Pre-Inquiry Meeting and hereby appoint the said Reporters to hold the Meeting.

#### **Special Road Schemes**

- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road Scheme 200-
- The A956 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road Scheme 200-
- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) (Craibstone Junction) Special Road Scheme 200-

#### **Trunk Road Orders**

- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Trunk Road Order 200-
- The A96 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Trunk Road Order 200-
- The A956 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Trunk Road Order 200-

#### **Detrunking Orders**

- The A90 Trunk Road (Charleston to Blackdog) Detrunking Order 200-
- The A96 Trunk Road (Dyce Drive to Haudagain Roundabout) Detrunking Order 200-
- The A96 Trunk Road (Dyce Drive Roundabout to Craibstone) Detrunking Order 200-

#### **Side Road Orders**

- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road (Side Roads) Order 200-
- The A956 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road (Side Roads) Order 200-
- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Trunk Road (Side Roads) Order 200-
- The A956 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Trunk Road (Side Roads) Order 200-
- The A96 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Trunk Road (Side Roads) Order 200-

**Redetermination Order**

- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road (Redetermination of Means of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 200-

**Rights of Way Order**

- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road (Extinguishment of Public Rights of Way) Order 200-

**Compulsory Purchase Order**

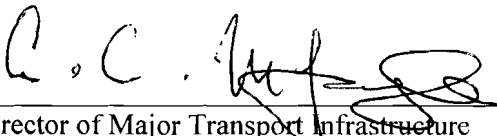
- The A90 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road and the A956 (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) Special Road Compulsory Purchase Order 200-

The Scottish Ministers have taken a policy decision to construct a Special Road to the west of Aberdeen (known as the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, or AWPR), including a new dual carriageway link to Stonehaven (known as Fastlink). Having accepted the need in principle for the road they do not wish to be advised on the justification for the principle of the Special Road scheme in economic, policy or strategy terms. Scottish Ministers consider that strategies and policies referring to the Special Road scheme are only relevant to the Inquiry insofar as they set the context for the AWPR and Fastlink.

Scottish Ministers therefore only wish to be advised on the technical aspects of the route choice including the Environmental Statement published in connection with the Special Road Scheme and any opinions expressed thereon. Given the assessment approach taken in the Environmental Statement, Scottish Ministers wish to be advised on the technical and environmental issues associated with the individual components of the Northern Leg, Southern Leg and Fastlink as well as the entirety of the Special Road Scheme.

Subscribed by Ainslie McLaughlin, Director of Major Transport Infrastructure Projects at Transport Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Glasgow on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, Two Thousand and Eight, before this witness, Alison Hughes of Buchanan House, Glasgow.

  
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