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Dear Sir/Madam

**ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984
THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (INQUIRIES
PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) RULES 1998**

ABERDEEN WESTERN PERIPHERAL ROUTE (AWPR)

I refer to the note of the pre-inquiry meeting and to my subsequent letter dated 3 July. I now wish to draw your attention to the following matters.

Running order of inquiry

Following the receipt of further submissions on this matter, the reporters have decided that evidence will be provided in the following order: (1) scheme as a whole; (2) Northern Leg; (3) Southern Leg; (4) Fastlink. Please note that this supersedes the information contained in my letter of 3 July.

Draft inquiry programme

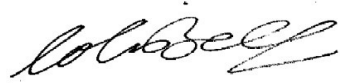
The reporters intend to publish a draft indicative programme on the inquiry website once they have received, and have had the opportunity of considering, precognitions. It should be noted, however, that the programme will probably require to be adjusted as the inquiry progresses, and that parties will need to keep themselves informed of such adjustments.

Further written submissions

The note of the pre-inquiry meeting states, at paragraph 40, that any further written submissions by statutory objectors (or other objectors) who decide not to present

oral evidence to the inquiry must be lodged no later than 12 August. The reporters consider that it would be reasonable to allow parties to respond to any new issues raised in these written submissions. In order to avoid a prolonged exchange of submissions, initial responses should be lodged by 19 August, with any subsequent rebuttals by 26 August.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Bell', written in a cursive style.

COLIN BELL