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Subject: SBC/LDP - Scottish Borders - Main Issues Report - Transport Scotland response - 29th January 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Transport Scotland has reviewed the Main Issues Report and provides the following comments, which we trust you will find helpful to progress the LDP.

Transport Scotland has no significant concerns with the spatial strategy options and the potential for any cumulative impact on the strategic road network. The LDP does not appear to be allocating a significant amount of new development, although we understand the specific numbers are not yet available due to the delay in the publication of the SESplan SDP. We note the proposal to de-allocate 95 units.

We note the MIR states on page 17, paragraph 2.21 that "*local improvements to the A68 and A7 are being promoted to improve journey times*". The Borders Transport Corridor STAG based appraisal is ongoing and includes options at this stage for safety measures and capacity enhancements on the A7 and A68 trunk roads and for the A1 dualling to be extended. These options will be taken forward and fully appraised in the Strategic Transport projects Review being undertaken by Transport Scotland. Any outcomes should be reflected within the plan and not pre-empted, however we understand the outcomes of the STPR review may not be available while the LDP is progressing towards Proposed Plan. Close working with Transport Scotland is therefore recommended and we will endeavour to assist where possible.

Transport Scotland will continue to engage as this appraisal progresses and with the Borderlands Initiative and the Edinburgh and Lothians City Regional Deal.

We welcome the MIR stating there is a need to reduce travel and extend and improve green network opportunities and links. Sustainable, active travel options should be an integral part of an LDP, as well as, encouraging better connectivity.

Regards

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