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Consideration of Petition PE1115

Submission by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC)

There were three points raised by Dr Richard Simpson MSP during the discussion of the petition, and each of these is considered in turn, below :

- The petitioner has raised a question around transport planning in relation to the 2014 Ryder Cup at Gleneagles. What plans are you putting in place to meet the demand ?

Response : PKC is represented on the 2014 Ryder Cup Steering Group, and on the Transport Planning Sub-Group. This latter body comprises representatives of Transport Scotland, PKC, Stirling Council, Event Scotland and SIAS Transport Consultants.

An Initial Event Transportation Operations Plan was produced in August 2008, and this document is being used to inform the production of a detailed Event Transport Plan. (It is anticipated that this detailed Plan will be completed during 2011.) As part of the considerations for transporting spectators to the event, it is anticipated that approximately 8000 persons may be transported by rail to Gleneagles station and will then cross a specially-constructed footbridge across the A9 to enter the golf course. It is also anticipated that Transport Scotland will arrange an enhancement of the facilities at Gleneagles station to coincide with this increased usage as a result of the event.

Other measures to assist in the transportation of the expected 45000 spectators and 7000 staff for the event which are currently under investigation include dedicated off-site park and ride facilities with coach drop-off and pick-ups close to the golf course, VIP parking on-site, private coach parking near to the golf course, and possible temporary Traffic Regulation Orders to facilitate particular usage of certain roads in the vicinity. These will all be included in the aforementioned detailed Event Transport Plan.

- Will you provide the Committee with a clear timescale for the next stage of the work with TACTRAN, including an outline of the approach and key activities involved ?

Response : PKC is not in a position to respond to this enquiry, and it is suggested that this be directed to Transport Scotland and/or TACTRAN itself.

- The petitioner is fully committed to working with TACTRAN and Transport Scotland and is keen to participate in the next stages. The Committee asks that you give consideration to this request.

Response : Other than to indicate no objection to this request, PKC is not in a position to respond further to this enquiry, and it is suggested that this be directed to Transport Scotland and/or TACTRAN itself.