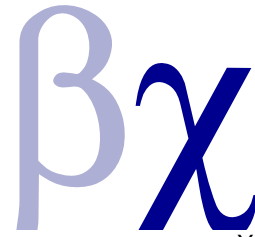


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Dear Fergus

Consideration of Petition PE1115

Thank you for your recent letter in relation to Petition PE1115 which asks for a response on the opening of Blackford railway station.

The questions raised by Dr Simpson on 8 September refer to proposals outlined in the Tay Estuary Rail Study (TERS) published by the Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Partnership (TACTRANS) in 2009.

Transport Scotland is currently examining how the proposals of TERS align with the Scottish Government's national priorities as outlined in the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR). We will be responding shortly to TACTRANS on the study and the way forward.

I hope this is helpful.

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