

PE1478/A

Petitioner Email of 29 May 2013

Dear Chris,

Thanks for the update below and your time yesterday. As agreed with the committee and discussed with you yesterday please find below the questions that I feel require to be answered in detail by the correct government departments as part of this process:

1. When the decision was made to link the AWPR and the Balmedie to Tippetty upgrade, who made the decision and what was the criteria for making that that decision?
2. Is it still the right decision for the AWPR and the Balmedie to Tippetty projects to be linked? i.e. is the decision making criteria used to link the two projects in 2011 still valid given that currently the Balmedie to Tippetty upgrade could be delivered up to **5 years later** than was originally promised.
3. If the answer to 2 is yes it is right that the two projects remain linked can anything be done to ensure that the Balmedie to Tippetty section of the overall project is given priority. And a public commitment made to deliver this upgrade by a certain date i.e. no later than 2015, or 16 for example? Has such a requirement been included within the invitation to tender and if not why not?
4. If the answer to 2 is no, (i.e. the projects should be split apart) can the decision to split the projects be made quickly and the work commenced asap to allow the project to be delivered before the end of 2014? If not why not? If they are split how quickly could the Balmedie to Tippetty upgrade be delivered? And is this substantially earlier than if the projects remain together?
5. If none of the above is achievable can a commitment be made to develop and implement suitable temporary measures on the existing road infrastructure to improve the traffic flow and reduce the delays particularly at peak times? Again if this is not something that can be supported please explain why not? If it is something that can be supported what is the high level time line for developing and implementing such measures.

Thanks again for all your help throughout this process.

Murray Cooper