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Transport Scotland letter of 20 January 2017

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2016, seeking an update on the possible introduction of Speed Awareness Courses (SAC) in Scotland following the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) meeting held on 28 September 2016.

Police Scotland (PS) informed the SPB that it had completed initial scoping on the potential introduction of SAC in Scotland and that on 23 August 2016 the Speed Awareness Course Steering Group, chaired by Police Scotland and made up of key partners, agreed that the introduction of SAC in Scotland would be worthy of a trial. Police Scotland further advised that they would now develop a full options proposal which would be discussed at the next meeting of the SPB on 22 March 2017.

SPB members noted that any Scottish pilot should be supported by an on-going evaluation and assessment of the evidence baseline as data became available. I note the Public Petitions Committee's decision to defer further consideration of this petition until the Department for Transport has reported on its three-year evaluation later this year. We also await the results of this study with interest.