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Dear Ms. Warnock,

Thank you for your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> April regarding the currently proposed route for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Road.

Firstly and to remove any doubt regarding myself and any opinions, which I may express in the context of the AWPR, I freely admit to knowing very little about the matter as my home is many miles away. I am what is called a 'Paper' Candidate rather than a 'Real' Candidate, which is to say I am standing without any anticipation of being returned at the election and my name appears on the ballot paper solely to allow any who wish to register a vote for UKIP to do so.

Non the less and in general terms, having visited your web site, the issue of the AWPR would appear to be exactly the kind of thing with which The UKIP is concerned. It is an issue of democratic process or, more accurately, the lack of such in any meaningful sense, or, having paid 'lip service' to such its subsequent complete disregard by 'The Powers that be'.

A little while ago I sent the following to Matthew Desmond, The UKIP's lead candidate in the area, for his use in saying a little about each of his 'Paper' candidate supporters. I believe this extract will leave you in no doubt as to what my view would be were I to be directly involved in the issue of the AWPR.

***Don't vote for me! Vote for You!***

*That's right; don't vote for me. I don't want to run the country. What I do want is to see the government of this country returned to you, the people of this country, and the only way that can be achieved is for you to vote for **UKIP, the only real Independence party**. Our policy of real, direct democracy by referendum will return true freedom to the people – At U.K., Scottish, Regional and district levels: If you want it you vote for it, if not then you vote against it: either way it will be you and not 'them' making the decisions that affect your life and the lives of your children.*

So, there it is. I note that, in the context of the AWPR, "On 1 December 2005 Tavish Scott, the Scottish Executive transport minister, made the surprising announcement that the Aberdeen WPR would follow a route that was not one of the original five routes that went out for public consultation in Spring 2005 (AWPR Consultation)". This is precisely what we in The UKIP are talking about, decisions made in Edinburgh, doubtless on the basis of instructions from Westminster in accord with the guidance (Orders?) of Brussels, which affect the people of Aberdeen, who's views on the matter are sought, considered and then, because you didn't come up with the right response, conveniently disregarded.

The question implicit in your letter is why, having had local consultations and having achieved a short list of proposals, you suddenly find an effective decision, not included in those proposals, foisted upon you from who knows where.

I have enclosed a DVD entitled "Britain on the Brink", which I hope you will view. It runs for some 33 Minutes and, in my view, is well made and not too boring since it contains short presentations by a number of different people, who are all experts in their own fields. The presentation by Lindsay Jenkins (*about 18 minutes in, just in case you don't want to wade through the whole thing – though I believe, should you choose to do so, it's well worth it*) is particularly relevant to the question of why and from where. The answer is 'Brussels'.

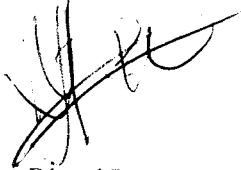
As a Political Party, The UKIP stands for 'real' democracy, not 'representational' democracy. By use of binding referenda at all levels – IE National, Regional and District, in short whatever the appropriate level is for a particular decision – the government at all levels would reflect the will of the people at all levels, thereby allowing infinite diversity within an overall unity. A bit utopian you might think? Not at all! The Swiss have had the system for years; it works and works well. With such a system in place the issue with which you are concerned would not be an issue at all.

Bluntly, in the context of both the AWPR and all other issues, you can try and win by playing someone else's game in accordance with their rules (which they disregard when it suits them) or you can try to change the game and the rules by which it's played so that every one gets a fair say in what's to happen according to what and where the issue is. The latter is what we in The UKIP are about.

Lastly, as I'm sure you will have guessed, I'm not a 'Politician' but then that is a very common characteristic in The UKIP, we're, by and large, simply a collection of ordinary people with, collectively, a lot of specialist knowledge from farming to fishing by way of finance who are trying to do what is right, not what is expedient or convenient.

I hope you will hold me excused for not having responded in detail to your specific questions but, bluntly, simply and honestly, I don't know the answers. I do believe that, unless factors outwith must be given precedence because of some extreme condition, the only answer is that the people concerned should be the people making the decision; that is, government of the people by the people and not government of the people by some other unelected people from somewhere else.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Sargeson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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