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To: secretary@road-sense.org 
Subject: Response to Road Sense

Dear Sheona,

Many thanks for your letter of 20 April 2007. As requested, I detail below my views on the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Road.

Ever since the AWPR was announced by the First Minister in Aberdeen, I have been struck by the large amount of support it has attracted. From local businesses and residents to Trade Unions and local politicians, there is the feeling that journeys in and around the region will greatly improve. The road is an excellent opportunity for the North East and represents a £1 billion investment in our infrastructure.

I believe the route shouldn't be viewed in isolation but as part of a modern transport infrastructure which makes our region fit for the 21st Century. The road is designed to allow more people to use the bus to get around, more people to use Park & Ride schemes, reduce congestion in and around Aberdeen and make journeys safer all of which have a positive impact on the environment around us.

Labour is the only party with a positive message on public transport. With the massive investment in our rural bus network, in particular in Banchory and Westhill, we're making sure people have access to quick and cheap bus services. Labour have given young people a third off public transport tickets allowing them to access services far better. We're committed to building Aberdeen Crossrail which would mean a substantial increase in train services between Stonehaven, Portlethen and Aberdeen. All of these things, including the AWPR, will make the North East a more attractive to live, and will encourage more investment in our area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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