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To: secretary@road-sense.org 
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Dear Mrs Warnock

My colleague Rami Okasha, as the candidate for Aberdeen South, has responded to you in detail but I would like to make a couple of points in reply to your letter. As you know Scottish Labour is committed to the construction of the Western Peripheral Route and feels it is a key improvement to our local transport infrastructure as part of a number of measures, which I hope will include Aberdeen Crossrail. While it is a priority that the route goes ahead I agree there are important questions about the way the consultation process has taken place, particularly when the Deputy First Minister himself has apparently criticised the consultation process when he was Transport Minister at the time it was carried out. I do not believe that is satisfactory and as this project progresses it is essential that proper dialogue takes place with those people who have questions and concerns over the route.

I have met with members of your group before and while I should be clear that the construction of the route is a priority for Scottish Labour I would be happy to meet again should I be returned.

Best wishes

Richard Baker