



NORTH GLENROTHES COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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**Transport Scotland Meeting with Glenrothes A92 Stakeholders. 27/8/19.**

**“Traffic Lights for the A92 Balfarg Junction”.**

This was one of the most positive meetings we have had with Transport and BEAR Scotland. Attendees at the meeting ranged from members of North Glenrothes and Markinch Community Councils and MSP Jenny Gilruth to Transport and BEAR Scotland officials and Fife councillors. The NGCC has been campaigning for some years for major improvements to the local A92, with other local CCs and the GAFG. This led to the **A92 Petition to the Scottish Parliament in 2008.**

Following a big public meeting in Glenrothes, the local CCs, Fife Council and Transport Scotland agreed to a **Glenrothes A92 Action in 2015.** In this plan were suggested immediate, medium and long term suggestions for A92 improvement. Joint TS, CC and FC meetings have regularly been held to discuss these.

***It would now appear, following recent surveys and modelling on the Balfarg and Star junctions, that full signalisation of the entire junction is in the pipeline.*** Officials explained that with a change of layout within the existing road boundary there was minimal difference between journey times for vehicles and a roundabout in this location. Also, the works were of such a scale that that this can be delivered a lot more quickly, within budget **and with the ability to have pedestrians and cyclists crossing the A92 in the safest way possible.**

Some further studies are needed to support detailed design of the scheme and these will be taken forward this current financial year. Once completed, the delivery

of the works can be considered against other schemes in the Transport Scotland programme. **It is hoped work will start in early April 2021.** NGCC is pleased with this progress and with the support from Transport and BEAR Scotland, who have recognised the need for improvements and upgrade of this vital trunk road.

Meanwhile, as NGCC Members continue to receive reports of accidents and near misses at this junction, **the Glenrothes A92 Campaign will continue.** The NGCC has nevertheless majorly welcomed this Transport Scotland news as a potential huge improvement to safety at one of Scotland's most dangerous junctions. (The NGCC makes no comment on Government intervention or policy re. this trunk road, noting we have met three Ministers of Transport and have no communication with the present incumbent.)

The NGCC now hopes improvements will follow at the **Cadham junction** and elsewhere. This more especially since a large new housing development is forecast at the former Tullis Russell mill at Cadham.