

I am aware that Funding has been provided to develop the proposal for a park and ride facility at the Fife-side of the Tay Bridge.

I would like to support this project and note the benefits that it would bring to my constituents, and those from the wider region.

Many of my constituents feel unable to use public transport to travel to Leuchars and St Andrews – despite the fact that a national Bus Company runs an Express Service from Dundee that runs over the Bridge and onto the A92 without stopping due to the lack of a suitable halt facility.

During the last year we have consulted with local people to determine the support for this bus service to stop here and garnered several hundred signatures from the local area. After this we met with Stagecoach and the Tay Road Bridge Management to discuss options for stopping the bus in the Bridge Car Park.

We met with representatives of the Council, Stagecoach and the Bridge Management and were advised that the car park would require significant investment to accommodate bus turning, and in any case, the bus company were unwilling to add time to the journey. The added difficulty was that Stagecoach reps insisted that they would require priority to re-join the A92 which would require traffic lights and would lead to tailbacks on the bridge which was unacceptable to bridge management reps. The council reps concurred that the provision of a park and ride facility was the only solution to the apparent impasse.

The Park & Ride facility would enable the development of a transport hub which would allow more people to get out of their cars – desirable in its own right but increasingly essential given the expected introduction of Dundee LEZs.

A related issue is the need for bike storage to be introduced for buses that provide a link between areas that are not served by a safe cycle route. This is the case between The Tay Bridge communities in Fife and Leuchars for example.

I would be grateful if you could reply to acknowledge receipt of this email and to let me know the timescale for any further response that you will be making.

If this responsibility does not lie with you please let me know.

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