

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN UK GOVERNMENT AND THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE EXTENSION OF BORDERS RAILWAY**

**Email re: DfT contacting SG**

To: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
From: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
Sent: 05 August 2019  
Subject: FW: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension to Carlisle - Next Steps

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** – To be aware that DfT have been in contact with Cities colleagues about chasing us up for a meeting. I'll go back to them after our meeting tomorrow or first thing Wednesday.

Regards,



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**To; [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
**Cc: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]>**  
**Subject:** FW: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension to Carlisle - Next Steps

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See below – we can chat through tomorrow.  
I've informed Scotland Office of our meeting and that TS will be in touch with DfT after that.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 05 August 2019 16:08  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** FW: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension to Carlisle

Can you ask at your end – DfT have not had a response to getting this started.



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**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 16 July 2019 17:21  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]Irvine A (Alison)  
<[Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension to Carlisle

Hi Alison/[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

We're happy to start a conversation about the scope etc of the work DfT should procure on this whenever you think most appropriate. I think the first thing would be for us to gain a fuller understanding of the work TS are commissioning , timescales etc so that we can build most effectively on that.

Thanks

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### Further discussion re: Meeting arrangement – 13 August

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 13/08/19

Hi [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

We've now identified an analyst to support my policy team on this project. As I'm about to go on leave for 2.5hr weeks I've asked [Redacted under Reg 11(2)] in my team to get back to you re possible dates in September.

Just to let you know that MHCLG have asked to be invited once a date has been fixed so we'll do that.

Thanks

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)] Rail Infrastructure North - North Team, Department for Transport  
[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 07 August 2019 08:22

**To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Cc:** [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot); **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

Dear **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

I am writing in relation to the above to let you know that I have just recently taken over from **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** here at Transport Scotland leading on the Scottish Government's transport input to Growth Deals. Apologies for the delay in getting in touch, there has been a period of transition and getting up to speed on my part.

I understand that you have already received a briefing note from colleagues around the work we have done to date and we would be happy to talk you through our Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 process which is the context within which we are undertaking our appraisal work. It would also be useful to understand what has been done to date from your side.

We would be happy to host you in Glasgow if an initial meeting would be useful. We could also present the studies that we have undertaken to date providing you with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

If this would suit then please let me know your availability and I can check diaries from our side. Diaries are quite constrained so if you could offer a few dates over the next few weeks that would be appreciated. A suggested agenda would be as follows plus any other items you wish to discuss of course.

- Introductions
- Transport Scotland Presentation on South West and Borders Studies
- Transport Scotland update on the Strategic Transport Projects Review
- DfT Update
- Timscales
- Future engagement
- Next steps

I look forward to hearing from you and apologies again for the delay.

Regards,



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## **Borderland Growth Deal – Meeting Arrangements – August 2019**

To: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
From: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
Sent: 19/08/19

Apologies for the delay in coming back was looking to see if something could be moved.

Do either of the following suit at all? The week of 14 October is half term here and required attendees are on leave.

- Tuesday 8 October
- Wednesday 23 October

Thanks.

Regards,



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To **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
From: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
Sent: 14/08/19

Hi **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Grateful if you could provide me with some suitable dates in October, I will be on leave soon and keen to organise this before I go off.

Thanks

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** Rail Infrastructure North, Department for Transport

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** Post to: Great Minster Hse, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR

**From:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
**Sent:** 14 August 2019 19:00  
**To:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
**Subject:** Re: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Apologies I was in meetings all day, will come back to you tomorrow.

Thanks

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 August 2019 11:34

**To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

Please could you recommend some dates from W/C 7<sup>th</sup> Oct?

Thanks

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**Rail Infrastructure North, Department for Transport

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**Post to: Great Minster Hse, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR

**From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 13 August 2019 18:08

**To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** Re: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Thanks for coming back so quickly. Unfortunately a couple of us are on leave on 23 and 30 is a public holiday for us. Would it be possible to look at early October instead?

Regards,

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 August 2019 18:01

**To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

Hi **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Does the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> work?

Due to leave most colleagues are away during the beginning of September.

Thanks

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**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**Post to: Great Minster Hse, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR

**From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 13 August 2019 17:59

**To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** Re: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Thanks for your email. Unfortunately I am on leave on that date. Grateful if you could offer a couple of other suitable dates and I can do the same when back in the office.

Thanks in advance.

Regards,

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 August 2019 17:10

**To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** FW: Borderland Growth Deal – Borders Rail Extension

Hi **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

I am working with **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** on the borders rail work and he has asked me to set up a date for our introductory meeting.

Having spoken to attendees the 24<sup>th</sup> September would be a good date for us, we will also have colleagues from MHCLG attending also. If this date works for you, a meeting starting around 2pm lasting a couple of hours would work.

RE the agenda I have made one suggestion in red below.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

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- Transport Scotland Presentation on South West and Borders Studies
- Transport Scotland update on the Strategic Transport Projects Review **and STAG Stage 1 framework**
- DfT Update
- Timescales
- Future engagement
- Next steps

I look forward to hearing from you and apologies again for the delay.

Regards,



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**Borderland Growth Deal – 26 June 2019**

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:35

**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)] Irvine A (Alison) [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Many thanks all - we got there.

Regards,



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**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:34

**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

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**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

That's fine with me

Thanks

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)] Rail Infrastructure North, Department for Transport

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)] Post to: Great Minster Hse, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:30

**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)] [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)],

For flow minor changes below – grateful to know if this is acceptable to all in the next 15 minutes please.

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)] – for any final thoughts you may have also please.

*Transport Connectivity is vital for joining up the communities and maximising the economic potential of the Borderlands region. The UK and Scottish Governments will work together through the deal to consider the potential to extend the Borders Railway.*



*Up to £5 million of funding will be made available by each Government through the deal to progress the evidence base, options appraisal and feasibility work on Carlisle to Tweedbank rail options.*

*The Scottish Government will progress the evidence base through the Strategic Transport Project Review process already underway through Transport Scotland. The UK Government Department for Transport will progress complementary feasibility work on these options with a wider UK perspective.*

*The two Governments will work together to align their work, enabling a shared understanding of the cross border benefits and challenges of these options.*

Kind regards,

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### **Borders Rail Feasibility Study – 11 April 2019**

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Sent:** 11 April 2019 15:42

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity <CabSecTIC@gov.scot>

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borders Rail feasibility study - The Scotsman

Thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

1 in addition to the background below we'll provided our standard line on this (addition in red).

#### **A TS spokesperson said:**

“We are fully committed to a feasibility study into improving-cross border transport links and have completed the first part of the work that will allow this to take place with the Borders Transport Corridors Study.

“As we have already completed the pre-appraisal element of this process and the UK Government hasn't, it's important for them to clarify how they intend to progress this aspect, prior to the full appraisal.

“We are now into the next stage of the process and are considering the possible benefits of an extension of the Borders Railway as part of the Scotland-wide Strategic Transport Projects Review. The conclusions from this will give us the basis for agreeing the specific detail of a joint cross-border feasibility study in future.”

[Redacted not in scope]

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Sent:** 11 April 2019 12:25

**To:** Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity <[CabSecTIC@gov.scot](mailto:CabSecTIC@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** Borders Rail feasibility study - The Scotsman

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

The Scotsman is revisiting this issue based on the letter from SoS to local MP John Lamont (attached).

[Redacted under Reg 10 5(f)]

Hi [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

Most of the local media in The Borders is looking for a response to the release below **[Redacted under Reg 10(5)(f)]** It is pressing SG to jointly fund a feasibility study into the extension of the Borders Railway through the Borderlands deal.

[Redacted under Reg 10(4)(e)]

**John Lamont MP**  
**Scottish Conservative & Unionist Party**  
**Borders Press Office**

**Monday 1st April 2019**

## **UK Government announces backing for Borders Railway feasibility study**

**Embargo: 00:01 Monday 1st April**

**FAO: All Newsdesks**

The UK Government has announced it is backing a full feasibility study into bringing the Borders Railway to Hawick, Newcastleton and on to Carlisle.

In a follow up letter to John Lamont MP, who raised the issue in Westminster this week, the Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell MP confirmed the UK Government backed the study as part of the £345m Borderlands Growth Deal.

As the deal is jointly funded by the UK and Scottish Government, the progress of the study is now dependent on Scottish Ministers agreeing to give it the go ahead.

It is expected that the Heads of Terms for the £345m Borderlands Growth Deal will be signed off in June, meaning the feasibility study could begin as early as this year.

The news has been warmly welcomed by John Lamont MP who has been campaigning for Borderlands to include this study.

Ahead of the 2016 Scottish Parliament elections, the First Minister promised a feasibility study in to extending the railway. To date all that has been produced is a Transport Study which lists extending the Borders Railway as a possible option to be considered at a future date.

**John Lamont MP** said: “This is great news for the campaign to bring the Borders Railway to Hawick and beyond.

“We need to improve transport links across the whole of the Borders and extending the Borders Railway is part of this.

“A full feasibility study will look in detail at the costs and benefits of bringing the railway to Hawick, Newcastleton and on to Carlisle. I’d expect this to look at things like impact on businesses, jobs and tourism as well as the implications of getting freight off our roads.

“With the UK Government now publically backing the study, the ball is now very much in the SNP’s court. Back in 2016, the First Minister went to Hawick and promised a feasibility study. It is time to fulfil this promise with some funding and get this campaign properly moving.”

**Barbara Elborn, Newcastleton and District Community Council Secretary** said: “This is a huge leap forward in our campaign to push for the extension of the line through to Carlisle. We can only hope now that our Scottish Parliamentarians also see the benefits of undertaking this wide-reaching study.

“There is absolutely no doubt that the benefits of reinstating the line will be felt by all within in the Borderlands Growth Deal catchment, but a feasibility study that delves deep to understand the full opportunities, and in our view that must include freight, will fully answer all those who doubt it.

“Those communities who have lived through the last 50 years without the line have no doubts at all about the rewards it will bring.”

**Ends**

#### **Notes to Editors**

A copy of the letter from the Secretary of State for Scotland, David Mundell MP is attached.

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

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### **Borderlands GD Update – Transport Meeting Outcomes**

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 08 May 2019 17:22  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** RE: Borderlands GD Update - Transport Meeting Outcomes

Thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted under Reg 10(5)(f)] A couple of small edits/additions below – otherwise  
content this is accurate.

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**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 08 May 2019 17:12  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** Borderlands GD Update

Hi

Quick update following my meeting with SG Econ Dev / Scottish Office / DfT earlier.

I gave a quick history/explanation of the Borders Corridors Study and how this fits  
within STAG and on to STPR2. I made clear that 2 of the 21 recommendations in

the study report refer to extensions to the Borders Railway, hence TS/SG cannot politically commit to funding a 'feasibility' study that only addresses one of these. I also made clear that we cannot commit to funding any further rail specific work until the outcomes of STPR2 are known.

**[Redacted under Reg 10(5)(f)]** DfT are clear that they have pledged £5m to a feasibility study in to extending from Tweedbank to Carlisle, however they did not relay strong pressure that this spend needs to be immediate. As such we discussed around this issue and I have now undertaken to work with DfT colleagues to draft up wording for the Heads of Terms based on the below approach:

DfT will procure, fund, manage and deliver a (wider) economic benefits study focussed on connections to/from the north west of England across the border, looking in to the impacts at a UK cross boundary and cross border level – this will not be funded through the deal, and will be designed as an equivalent piece of work to the Initial appraisals undertaken in the Borders and the south west, although with a more explicit focus on the economy criteria. **[Redacted under Reg 10(5)(f)]** The HoT will be drafted such that, pending the outcome of STPR2 and the above study, and taking cognisance of the regional pre-appraisal work that fed in to STPR2, UK and SG funding would be made available from FY 2021-22 onwards to undertake a feasibility study in to extending the railway.

All of this would be subject to Mr Matheson's approval of the proposed approach as part of the Heads of Terms process.

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
Transport Strategy and Analysis Directorate  
Strategic Transport Planning  
Transport Scotland



## **Gretna Junction – Borderlands - March 2019**

To: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**  
Sent: Thu 07/03/2019 11:28  
From: **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

Thanks **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

**[Redacted under Reg 10(5)(f)]** For awareness TS has now published the pre-appraisal for the Borders Transport Corridors study...

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/news/borders-study-reaches-next-stage/>

Kind Regards,  
**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

**Sent:** 07 March 2019 11:16

**To:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** RE: Gretna Junction & Borderlands

Just got a meeting now but will phone when free.

**[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

Cumbria, North East, Humber and North Yorkshire, Northern Engagement Team, Department for Transport Leeds | **[Redacted under reg 11(2)]**

**From:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 07 March 2019 11:03

**To:** **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

**Subject:** RE: Gretna Junction & Borderlands

Hi **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]** hope all is well.

Would you have time for a chat this morning regarding the Borderlands rail proposals?

I'm on the mobile today and happy to phone whenever suits.

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**From:** **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

**Sent:** 28 February 2019 09:07

**To:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** RE: Gretna Junction & Borderlands

That's fine – but use mobile number rather than the land line

**[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

Cumbria, North East, Humber and North Yorkshire, Northern Engagement Team, Department for Transport Leeds | **[Redacted under reg 11(2)]**

**From:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 28 February 2019 08:06

**To:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Cc:** **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]** [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot);

**Subject:** Re: Gretna Junction & Borderlands

Hi **[Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]**

Happy to discuss. Would a call around 1000 this morning suit for an initial chat?

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 February 2019 23:26

**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11 (2)]  
**Subject:** RE: Gretna Junction & Borderlands

Thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)] please see the email exchange below. Could you please help our UKG colleagues to make the right connections on your side to follow this up?

Kind regards,  
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**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 26 February 2019 11:55  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** FW: Gretna Junction & Borderlands

Hi [Redacted under Reg 11(2)],

As I mentioned briefly before, DfT are happy to have a discussion with Transport Scotland colleagues and the others mentioned below at the issue of Gretna Junction.

Are you able to link up Mark with TS colleagues to get the conversation started?

Regards,  
[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]



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**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 15 February 2019 16:17  
**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** Gretna Junction

Hello [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

[Redacted not in scope]

Regards

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]



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### **Borderlands Growth Deal - TS update and draft HoT wording – June 2019**

To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

Cc: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

Sent: Wed 19/06/2019 16:47

From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

Many thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

A really thorough piece.

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)], apologies for the delay and now the timescales have concertinaed. We are looking to have finalised draft Heads of Terms wording agreed by the end of this week – the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Are you able to turn this around quickly from the DfT end so that any further discussions over language can be ironed out before it goes to Ministers?

Regards,

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]



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From: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

Sent: 19 June 2019 16:38

To: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

Cc: [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]



**Subject:** Borderlands Growth Deal - TS update and draft HoT wording

All,

As discussed at the meeting with my colleague **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**, please find attached a paper outlining the TS work on the Borders Transport Corridors and draft HoT wording for discussion against various transport asks **[ANNEX C – Document 6]**. This will all be subject to agreement with Ministers in due course but should hopefully help outline where we can get to at officer level.

Kind Regards,

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion – June 2019**

From: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Sent: Wed 26/06/2019 16:26

To: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Cc: **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**; Irvine A (Alison) [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)

Thank you **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**, All.

I've replaced the wording in the Heads of Terms document with the wording below.

Kind regards,

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** Devolution Strategy | Cities and Local Growth Unit |  
Fry Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SW Quadrant, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF |  
**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**From:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 16:17

**To:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Cc:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**; [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)

**Subject:** FW: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Hi **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Agreed lines for Rail in HoT:

*Transport Connectivity is vital for joining up the communities and maximising the economic potential of the Borderlands region. The UK and Scottish Governments will work together through the deal to consider the potential to extend the Borders Railway.*

*Up to £5 million of funding will be made available by each Government through the deal to progress the evidence base, options appraisal and feasibility work on Carlisle to Tweedbank rail options.*

*The Scottish Government will progress the evidence base through the Strategic Transport Project Review process already underway through Transport Scotland. The UK Government Department for Transport will progress complementary feasibility work on these options with a wider UK perspective.*

*The two Governments will work together to align their work, enabling a shared understanding of the cross border benefits and challenges of these options.*

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**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:45

**To:** Redacted under Reg 11(2)

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Content thanks

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Alison Irvine

Transport Strategy and Analysis

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Date:** Wednesday, 26 Jun 2019, 3:36 pm

**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)] >, Irvine A (Alison) <[Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Alison/[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

– are you content for Transport Scotland interests??

Kind regards,

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

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**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:35

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**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Many thanks all - we got there.

Regards,

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]



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**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

That's fine with me

Thanks

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)] Rail Infrastructure North - North Team, Department for Transport

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 15:30

**To:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)] [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)

**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)],

[Redacted under reg 10(4)(e)]

Kind regards,

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**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
I am conscious time is against us. My suggestion below.  
[Redacted under Reg 11(2)], Rail Infrastructure North - North Team, Department for Transport  
[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

**From:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Sent:** 26 June 2019 13:29  
**To:** Redacted under Reg 11(2) [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot)  
**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Thanks all,

Would the text below work for all sides? Look forward to discussing shortly.

**[Redaction under Reg 10(5)(f)]**

Kind regards,  
Redacted under Reg 11(2)]

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**Cc:** [Redacted under Reg 11(2)]  
**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

Thanks [Redacted under Reg 11(2)] , much appreciated.

I look forward to the discussion on the wording at 1330 but it seems as if we are not far away.

The alignment of work/timescales was also something we are keen to discuss, really to get the best picture we can at this stage on what you/we will be doing over the coming months and how best to align these.

Kind Regards,

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Borderland Growth Deal – TS DfT HoT Discussion – 26 June**

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

Thanks for this. I have a few suggestions below on the 'black' text which eliminate some duplication and provide a bit more precision.

**[Redacted under Reg 10(5)(f)]**

**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]** Rail Infrastructure North - North Team, Department for Transport  
**[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Sent:** 26 June 2019 11:58

**To:** [Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot); **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** RE: Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

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**From:** Irvine A (Alison)

**Sent:** 25 June 2019 15:47

**To:** Irvine A (Alison); **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Cc:** **[Redacted under Reg 11(2)]**

**Subject:** Borderland Growth Deal – TS/DfT HoT Discussion

**When:** 26 June 2019 13:30-14:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Telephone Call

Dial in details are as follows:

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