

**Emails to/from the minister for Transport on 11 November regarding note of meeting**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Transport  
**Sent:** 10 November 2022 12:26  
**To:** [redacted] Minister for Transport <[MinisterFT@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterFT@gov.scot)>  
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**Subject:** RE: 16:15 - 16:45 Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP re: A9 (B)

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Hi [redacted],

Thanks for the note – Ms Gilruth is content.

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[redacted] Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Transport – Jenny Gilruth  
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG  
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**From:** [redacted]  
**To:** Minister for Transport  
**Cc:** [redacted] Shackman L (Lawrence); [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Chief Executive Transport Scotland; Leggett S (Stewart); [redacted] Project Delivery Correspondence  
**Subject:** RE: 16:15 - 16:45 Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP re: A9 (B)  
**Date:** 01 November 2022 10:45:10  
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[redacted]

Please find attached short minute of the Minister's meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP on 25 October 2022.

Trust this is an accurate account of discussions. Grateful if you could advise if you would like us to circulate this to Mr Ewing's office?

Kind Regards  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
Head of Design Team 1 and 3  
Major Projects

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**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Transport

**Sent:** 25 October 2022 15:44

**To:** 'Jenny Gilruth MSP'; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Shackman L  
(Lawrence)

**Cc:** [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

**Subject:** 16:15 - 16:45 Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP re: A9 (B)

**When:** 25 October 2022 16:15-16:45 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Q1.04 Scottish Parliament

### **25/10 – room updated.**

Updated briefing received 25/10 - SM

Meeting moved to 16:15 – 16:45 to accommodate officials – SM 24/10

Briefing received 18/10 – SM

Please provide a briefing by **4pm on Friday 21st October.**

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**Email from Fergus Ewing MSP to the Minister for Transport on 25 October 2022**

**From:** [redacted]@parliament.scot> **On Behalf Of** Ewing F (Fergus), MSP  
**Sent:** 25 October 2022 15:06  
**To:** Minister for Transport <MinisterFT@gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Gilruth J (Jenny), MSP <Jenny.Gilruth.msp@parliament.scot>  
**Subject:** A9 coverage in the Courier

Dear Jenny,

Please see below article carried in the Courier yesterday as an example of local comment.

[https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/charles-bannerman-stark-reality-is-people-are-dying-due-to-291332/?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=facebook](https://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/charles-bannerman-stark-reality-is-people-are-dying-due-to-291332/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook)

Sincerely,

Fergus

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**Email from Fergus Ewing MSP to the Minister for Transport on 24 October 2022**

**From:** [redacted] on behalf of [Ewing F \(Fergus\), MSP](#)  
**To:** [Minister for Transport](#)  
**Subject:** Re: A9 Dualling & ACNMU  
**Date:** 24 October 2022 14:35:32  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Good Afternoon [redacted] and Jenny

I have been contacted by a constituent in connection with the proposed NMU- non motorised user route from Aviemore to Carrbridge ( hereafter “NMU”), and following the report recently published by Atkins Mouchel recording the outcome of the public consultation.

I am pleased to note that the majority of the responses to the proposed route were favourable.

However there is one issue which I raise on behalf of my constituent, but which was also raised by consultees as is evidence from the helpful analysis by Atkins Mouchel. That is that to “tie” the delivery of the route to the A9 procurement process for the Dalraddy to Slochd route means that the timing of delivery of the pathway is entirely uncertain, because, at present at least, there is no indication of when this section of the dualling of the A9 will be completed.

I would respectfully request if you can advise me and my constituents of when you expect that this section of the A9 shall be dualled, and that work completed?

If you are not at present able to offer any response to that question I am asking if consideration can be given of separating this work from the dualling contract, and the NMU be constructed as soon as is possible.

This indeed is a suggestion which many have supported as far as I can see, from the said report.

If that cannot be done, then there seems no immediate prospect of walkers, cyclists, horse riders and others having an access way from Carr-bridge to Aviemore. Should that prove to be the case, there is another issue which I wish to record, which again has been raised with me by this constituent but also by others too.

That is that when the A9 is closed, as sadly it frequently it has been of late as you will be well aware, following various fatalities, then the whole traffic is re-routed through Carrbridge. This does create a hazard for people in Carr-bridge and is the cause of concern in itself. This factor is another reason why to de-couple or delink the NMU from the Dualling would I think have substantial support, and would presumably be in line with the avowed Scottish Government policy to promote and encourage active travel.

If this cannot be done, then it seems to me that there will be considerable disappointment locally by those who very much wish to pursue active travel options in safer circumstances. My constituent believes that Transport Scotland are committed to delivery of this, and so it would surely be absurd if the implementation of it were delayed by several years or more, as the Scottish Government have not yet given any clear indication as to when the dualling will take place.

I await your response.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

**Fergus Ewing MSP**

Member of Scottish Parliament for Inverness and Nairn

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**Emails to/from the minister for Transport providing briefing materials for meeting between 18 – 25 October 2022**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Transport

**Sent:** 25 October 2022 15:13

**To:** Project Delivery Correspondence <PDC@transport.gov.scot>; Minister for Transport <MinisterFT@gov.scot>

**Cc:** Shackman L (Lawrence) <Lawrence.Shackman@transport.gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Briefing for Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP 25 October 2022 - 15.30-16.00

All,

Please see email just received from Fergus Ewing. I don't think this raises anything not already covered in the briefing, however supporting officials may wish to review prior to 16:15.

Many thanks

[redacted]

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To: [Minister for Transport](#)

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**Subject:** RE: Briefing for Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP 25 October 2022 - 15.30-16.00

**Date:** 25 October 2022 10:18:12

**Attachments:** [Fergus Ewing MSP Meeting 25 October 2022 - Speaking note.docx](#)

[Re A9 Dualling ACNMU.msg](#)

[A9 - short term proposals brief - 24 October 2022.docx](#)

[Fergus Ewing MSP Engagement briefing - 25 October 2022.docx](#)

Private Office

Please see attached amended brief which now includes additional advice at Annex E in response the email from Fergus Ewing MSP. I've also added the recent brief from road safety colleagues for ease.

Thanks, [redacted]

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Transport

**Sent:** 24 October 2022 15:22

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**Subject:** RE: Briefing for Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP 25 October 2022 - 15.30-16.00

[redacted]

Thanks for the briefing. Please see attached email received this afternoon from Fergus Ewing MSP. Grateful if officials could review and provide any advice needed in advance of tomorrow's meeting.

Many thanks

[redacted]

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Correspondence

**Sent:** 18 October 2022 14:14

**To:** Minister for Transport <[MinisterFT@gov.scot](mailto:MinisterFT@gov.scot)>

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**Subject:** Briefing for Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP 25 October 2022 - 15.30-16.00

Private Office,

Please see attached engagement briefing and speaking note as requested for the Ministers meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP on 25 October 2022.

I have forwarded the meeting invite on to the relevant officials.

Thanks, [redacted]

**Calendar invite from the minister for transport to officials on 12 October 2022.**

**From:** [redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Transport

**Sent:** 12 October 2022 10:53

**To:** 'Jenny Gilruth MSP'; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Shackman L (Lawrence)

**Subject:** 15:30 - 16:00 Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP re: A9

**When:** 25 October 2022 15:30-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Scottish Parliament - 3T.05

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