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Dear Mr du Feu

TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL 2018

Thank you for your letter dated 22 July 2019, addressed to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson MSP. I have been asked to respond in my capacity as Senior Road Policy Officer.

The Cabinet Secretary has previously confirmed that he supports the principle of clarifying and, potentially, streamlining the process for all forms of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) including Experimental Orders and Redetermination Orders. He has also made it clear however that careful consideration must be undertaken before any decisions are made regarding changing legislative procedures.

To that end we will be undertaking a review of the current TRO process and will actively work with Mr Finnie, as well as other stakeholders. However this review will be undertaken as a separate exercise to Stage 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill. This is to ensure the matter is afforded appropriate time to consider the views of relevant stakeholders to fully understand what the issues are and the impact on schemes; and to subsequently identify potential solutions which strike the correct balance between delivering projects, supporting road user safety and maintaining a robust and fair process for considering objections.

Details of how this work will be progressed, including timescales for delivery have yet to be confirmed but the commitments do form part of the Active Travel Taskforce Delivery Plan which was published on the 16 July 2019 and is available at:
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/active-travel-taskforce-delivery-plan/>.

I hope this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred O'Hara".

Fred O'Hara
Senior Policy Officer

