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Ms Michaela Jackson By email michaela@ooky.co.uk Our ref: 2018/0041340

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Dear Ms Jackson,

Thank you for your letters of 25 October and 22 November 2018 regarding the Sheriffhall roundabout and provision for cycling which were copied to Scottish Ministers. As this matter is delegated to Transport Scotland, I have been asked to reply.

Transport Scotland has undertaken extensive consultation with active travel stakeholders regarding provision for non-motorised users, including cyclists, at Sheriffhall and suitable provision for all users, is a key part of the proposed improvements to Sheriffhall Roundabout. The preferred grade separated option will improve access for pedestrians and cyclists compared to the existing arrangement, allowing the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass traffic to pass over the junction while significantly reducing congestion and improving accessibility for all modes of transport including pedestrians and cyclists. Provision for all non-motorised users, including cyclists, is being developed in further detail as we progress the development and assessment of the preferred option, in consultation with local interest groups, including Sustrans and Spokes, as we look to publish draft Orders in 2019 for formal comment.

Transport Scotland will continue to work with local authorities and key stakeholders such as yourselves as the design for the grade separation progresses. The wider cycling connectivity that you have highlighted within the letters is primarily a consideration for local authorities working with national bodies and we look forward to continuing the engagement on this issue.

Ongoing engagement on projects such as the A720 Sheriffhall improvements, which is committed as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal, can and will deliver real benefits for all modes of transport.

I trust that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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