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Dear Sir/ Madam

Ref MLRB 095

Planning Application 13/00280/APP

The response from Transport Scotland raises more questions than answers and shows the difficulty I have had in dealing with this organisation. For example what are their proposals for the redundant road, how are they going to make it safe, should I apply to change the cycle track before I get planning permission? I felt I had reached a stalemate with Transport Scotland and the only way to progress this matter was to apply for planning permission from The Moray Council and if it was approved I would be in a stronger position to negotiate with Transport Scotland. Even if this is approved by The Moray Council I will still be required to negotiate with Transport Scotland over the Cycle Track and the return of redundant land before any work starts.

The suggestion that Transport Scotland are still finding the land issues "difficult to resolve" seems quite incredible. I first raised the matter in June 2001, over 13 years ago which you would expect gave them plenty time to investigate. I and Transport Scotland both have the copies of titles for part of the road which was widened in 1969 as they supplied these to me in Dec 2010 (Allan Roberts, Head of Administration Team). I can also remember that land on both sides of the road was taken from Christies when the Dramlachs was widened in the 1970's so I do not believe that the land issues are that difficult to resolve if they really wanted to.

The current position, as I see it, is that the following aims are trying to be achieved.

1. The Moray Councils aim is to develop tourism.
2. Transport Scotland aim is to provide a 2 metre wide cycle track for cyclists and pedestrians only.
3. My aim is to improve the Burnside Caravan Park and tourism in Fochabers.

My proposal satisfies all three as the 2 metre wide cycle path is provided for, which is separate from all traffic and the caravan park is expanded with additional pitches for extra tourists in Moray.

I therefore respectfully request that the Local Review Body approve this application.


Your Gordon Christie, Director Christies Parks Ltd.