

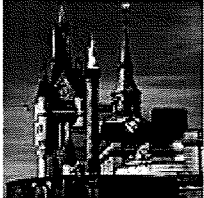
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## News Release



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### Public local enquiry on Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route

12/10/2007

A Public Local Inquiry will be held to consider objections to the proposed Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, it was confirmed today.

While the objection period is still open, it is clear, on the basis of objections received so far, that there will be a need to consider these formally.

Transport Minister Stewart Stevenson also announced additional facilities to lodge objections via a Transport Scotland project website.

Mr Stevenson said:

"It has always been likely that a scheme of this size would be subject to a public local inquiry. Now the final set of orders have been published we will move forward to the next stage in the statutory process.

"The objection period for the road and compulsory purchase orders has another two weeks to run. It is important that people who wish to submit objections do so within that timeframe."

"I am pleased that a dedicated e-mail address has been set up for objections. In view of disruption caused by the postal dispute, this will provide an alternative means of submitting objections."

### Background

The Public Local Inquiry is part of the statutory process for building a road project of this scale. An independent Inquiry Reporter will be appointed as soon as possible. The Inquiry will be held in the Aberdeen area early in 2008 at a location to be confirmed. The Inquiry Reporter will report back to Scottish Ministers with recommendations.

The timescale for delivering the PLI has always included provision for a PLI. The PLI It is expected to happen in early 2008.

The email address for objections can be found at [www.awpr.co.uk](http://www.awpr.co.uk)

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