



**AIRDRIE-BATHGATE RAILWAY AND LINKED IMPROVEMENTS BILL
COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

1st Meeting, 2007 (Session 2)

Monday 12 February 2007

The Committee will meet at 1.45 pm in Committee Room 2.

1. Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Consideration Stage from—

Objector group 37

Stuart Borrowman, Convener, Platform Blackridge
E. Clark Steele, Chair, Blackridge Community Council
Steven Webster, Chair, Greenrigg Community Council

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
Karen Gribben, Legal Adviser, Network Rail
Hugh Wark, Senior Project Manager, Network Rail
Alastair Camelford, Consultant, Jacobs Babbie

2. Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill from—

Panel 1 (Housing forecasts, new development and access to stations, S75 agreements)

David McDove, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

Alan Leslie, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

David Baxter, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

Jim Dickson, Director of Development and Environmental Services, West Lothian Council

Craig McCorrison, Strategic Planning Manager, West Lothian Council

Graeme Malcolm, Transportation Manager, West Lothian Council

Panel 2 (Local bus provision and integration with railway)

David McDove, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

David Baxter, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

Roy Mitchell, Public Transport Manager, West Lothian Council

Graeme Malcolm, Transportation Manager, West Lothian Council

John Halliday, Assistant Chief Executive, Transport and Strategy, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Mike Heyes, Public Transport Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Panel 3 (Improvements to cycle path alignment and access to stations)

John Lauder, Sustrans

Peter Hawkins, CTC/SPOKES

Panel 4 (Improvements to cycle path alignment and access to stations)

David McDove, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

David Baxter, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

John Duffy, Access Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

Graeme Malcolm, Transportation Manager, West Lothian Council

Panel 5 (Flood risk assessment and Code of Construction Practice)

Angela Burke, Planning Officer, SEPA

Marc Becker, Senior Hydrologist, SEPA

Drew Aitken, Senior Hydrologist, SEPA

Panel 6 (European Protected Species and Code of Construction Practice)

Erica Knott, Casework Support Officer, SNH

Ian Bray, Area Officer West Lothian, SNH

Panel 7 (Flood risk assessment)

David McDove, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

David Miller, Geotechnical Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

Graeme Hedger, Senior Professional Officer, Flood Prevention Team, West Lothian Council

Panel 8 (Code of Construction Practice and Noise and Vibration Policy)

David McDove, Traffic and Transportation Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

Jeff Toner, Pollution Control Team Leader, North Lanarkshire Council

Paul Baker, Ecologist, Community Services, North Lanarkshire Council

David Baxter, Senior Planning Officer, North Lanarkshire Council

Andrew Blake, Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager, West Lothian Council

Panel 9 (Housing forecasts, new development and access to stations, S75 agreements)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
Karen Gribben, Legal Adviser, Network Rail
David Simmonds, Director, David Simmonds Consultancy

Panel 10 (Patronage forecasting)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
David Simmonds, Director, David Simmonds Consultancy
Craig Mitchell, Consultant, Jacobs Babbie
Alastair Camelford, Consultant, Jacobs Babbie

Panel 11 (Local bus provision and integration with railway)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
Karen Gribben, Legal Adviser, Network Rail
Alastair Camelford, Consultant, Jacobs Babbie

Panel 12 (Improvements to cycle path alignment and access to stations)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
Craig Mitchell, Consultant, Jacobs Babbie
Hugh Wark, Senior Project Manager, Network Rail

Panel 13 (Flood risk assessment)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
Dr John Riddell, Civil Engineering Consultant
Jim Millar, Technical Director, Ironside Farrar
Hugh Wark, Senior Project Manager, Network Rail

Panel 14 (European Protected Species)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
David Bell, Ecologist, ECOS
Jim Millar, Technical Director, Ironside Farrar
Hugh Wark, Senior Project Manager, Network Rail

Panel 15 (Code of Construction Practice and Noise and Vibration Policy)

Ron McAulay, Director Scotland, Network Rail
Dr Bernadette McKell, Partner, Hamilton & McGregor
Hugh Wark, Senior Project Manager, Network Rail
Karen Gribben, Legal Adviser, Network Rail

Panel 16 (Objection update)

Karen Gribben, Legal Adviser, Network Rail

- 3. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will consider whether to consider a draft Consideration Stage report in private at future meetings.

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The following paper is attached for this meeting—

Agenda item 1

Consideration of general principles evidence and other matters

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CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES EVIDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to set out the arrangements for the Committee's oral evidence meeting on the further consideration of Preliminary Stage evidence.

Background

2. The Committee will recall from its Preliminary Stage report there were a number of issues on which it indicated it would require to revisit and consider further evidence before Final Stage. The matters that fell under the broad 'general principles' heading are—

- Housing forecasts, including location of new developments in relation to stations and S75 agreements
- Local bus provision and integration with railway
- Cycle path alignment and access into stations
- Patronage forecasts

3. In addition to these matters, the Committee has indicated that it would consider further evidence on the following matters—

- Draft Code of Construction Practice
- Draft Noise and Vibration Policy
- European Protected Species
- Flood risk assessment

4. Further, the Committee will be invited to hear oral evidence on the objection lodged by Platform Blackridge (concerning the provision of a station at Blackridge). The Committee will recall from its meeting on 23 November 2006 when it agreed it would take the lead in the consideration of this objection rather than referring it to the Committee's assessor (as each other outstanding objection has been). Witnesses for both the objector and the promoter will appear before the Committee to lead evidence on the objection.

Evidence

5. The written evidence relevant to this meeting has been circulated to the Committee in a folder and posted on to the Committee's homepage on the website.

Witnesses

6. At the meeting, the Committee will hear oral evidence from the following witnesses on the following topics—

Platform Blackridge objection—

Objector
Promoter

Preliminary Stage follow-up topics and other matters—

Panel 1 (Housing forecasts, new development and access to stations, S75 agreements)

North Lanarkshire Council
West Lothian Council

Panel 2 (Local bus provision and integration with railway)

North Lanarkshire Council
West Lothian Council
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Panel 3 (Improvements to cycle path alignment and access to stations)

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Panel 4 (Improvements to cycle path alignment and access to stations)

North Lanarkshire Council
West Lothian Council

Panel 5 (Flood risk assessment and Code of Construction Practice)

SEPA

Panel 6 (European Protected Species and Code of Construction Practice)

SNH

Panel 7 (Flood risk assessment)

North Lanarkshire Council
West Lothian Council

Panel 8 (Code of Construction Practice and Noise and Vibration Policy)

North Lanarkshire Council
West Lothian Council

Panel 9 (Housing forecasts, new development and access to stations, S75 agreements)

Promoter

Panel 10 (Patronage forecasting)

Promoter

Panel 11 (Local bus provision and integration with railway)

Promoter

Panel 12 (Improvements to cycle path alignment and access to stations)

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Panel 13 (Flood risk assessment)

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Panel 14 (European Protected Species)

Promoter

Panel 15 (Code of Construction Practice and Noise and Vibration Policy)

Promoter

Panel 16 (Objection update)

Promoter

Conclusion

7. The Committee is invited to note the above arrangements for the meeting.

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