

**Meeting of the ScotFLAG Lorry Parking Sub-Group  
Held in Victoria Quay on 13 October at 12.30pm**

**Present:** Maya Rousen (Scottish Enterprise)  
Phil Flanders (Road Haulage Association)  
Chris MacRae (Freight Transport Association)  
Michael Cairns (Tactrans)  
Allen Doyle (SPT)  
Jim May (Transport Scotland)

**Apologies:** Allen Doyle (SPT)

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1. The following **topics** were discussed:

- a. Aim: Phil Flanders confirmed the aim of the sub-group was:
  - i. to carry out a review on the lorry parking facilities available across Scotland;
  - ii. produce a report in the Autumn that could be used by industry to 'fill in any gaps' that existed.
- b. Questionnaire: Jim May said that the questionnaires had produced a response from 51 drivers and 43 employers. Its main findings were that drivers and employers alike believed that the most important requirements of a overnight parking facility were toilets, showers, canteens and security fencing. After discussion it was agreed that the low return rate was most likely due to parking not being seen as a big issue within industry.
- c. ACPOS: Phil Flanders mentioned that he had again tried to arrange a meeting with ACPOS without success. He believed this should be mentioned in the body of the report that is to be created.
- d. Report: Phil Flanders said that he had hoped to have more information available prior to writing the report, especially in relation to the west and north of Scotland which did not seem to have many lorry parking sites. After discussion it was agreed that the date of 7 December for the report to go to ScotFLAG would have to be adhered to and that the report would be qualified on the information front when produced.
- e. Report recommendations: Phil Flanders opened up a debate on what was considered to be the main recommendations from the report, these were:
  - i. Transport Scotland to ensure that the information it retains on lorry parking on the Freight Scotland website is regularly refreshed;
  - ii. Transport Scotland to consider facilitating an online forum for feedback from HGV drivers on lorry parking. This would be hosted on the lorry parking section of the Freight Scotland website;
  - iii. Transport News to run regular articles on lorry parking sites across Scotland. These articles would raise the profile of the lorry parking available to HGVs; and

- iv. Regional Transport Partnerships take the opportunity to engage with Local Authorities in relation to:
  - 1. the use of park and ride sites for overnight parking by HGVs. (It is noted that an initial financial outlay would be incurred under any such scheme, as well as limited ongoing costs relating to the maintenance of any such site. These costs could be redressed through charging for use by industry);
  - 2. HGVs being given access to coach parking facilities within urban areas. (It is not envisaged that any such sites would need any investment into them.)
- f. Next steps: Maya Rousen said for clarification, the next steps of the sub-group were:
  - i. for an initial draft to be drawn up;
  - ii. other sub-group members to offer comments; and
  - iii. a final draft to be completed prior to the ScotFLAG meeting on 7 December.

2. The following **actions** were agreed:

- a. Phil Flanders to pass an initial draft of the report to the sub-group by 1 November;
- b. All comments to be passed to Jim May by 10 November;
- c. A second draft to be issued by Jim May by 20 November;
- d. All comments to be passed to Jim May by 25 November ;
- e. The completed report to be passed to ScotFLAG on 1 December;
- f. Phil Flanders to contact Alastair Valance of Transport News regarding reviews of lorry parks;
- g. Jim May to contact Peter Cullen on recommendations within the report that need Transport Scotland actions;
- h. Phil Flanders to contact Rab Dickson on recommendations that require RTP input.