

**Meeting of the Lorry Parking Sub Group Held in
Victoria Quay on 25 August 2010 at 12.30pm**

Present: Maya Rousen (Scottish Enterprise)
Phil Flanders (Road Haulage Association)
Chris MacRae (Freight Transport Association)
Michael Cairns (Tactrans)
Peter Cullen (Transport Scotland)
Jim May (Scottish Government)

Apologies: Allen Doyle (SPT)

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. Map showing lorry parking sites: Maya Rousen asked everyone to check the latest version of the map that she had developed for known parking sites in Scotland. If anyone had any amendments, they should pass them on ASAP.
- c. Closures: Phil Flanders confirmed that both Lesmahagow and Portobello lorry parks had closed.
- d. Park and ride sites: Phil Flanders said that the use of appropriate park and ride sites to enable overnight HGV parking was an option needing further investigation. He had recently entered into dialogue with Sestrans on this issue. Jim May added that if one Local Authority could be persuaded to successfully use a park and ride site for HGVs at night, it would serve as an example of good practice to the others. Phil Flanders remarked that Marshal Poulton of the City of Edinburgh Council could be an ideal person to discuss this option with.
- e. Coach parks: Michael Cairns said that coach parks were also another option that could be explored with Local Authorities for overnight parking for HGVs.
- f. Truckstops: Peter Cullen mentioned that the lack of truckstops was a serious issue in mainland Europe and the EU had set up a group called EasyWay. (<http://www.easyway-its.eu/1/>) It is a project for EU wide ITS deployment on main TERN corridors driven by national road authorities and operators. It sets clear targets, identifies the set of necessary ITS European services to deploy (traveller Information, traffic management and freight and logistic services).
- g. Government intervention: Maya Rousen commented that the work of the group seemed to be steering towards potential solutions based upon 'sweating current assets' rather than looking for SG investment. Given the current financial climate, this was an appropriate response from the group.
- h. Questionnaire: Jim May said that the employer / driver questionnaires had been published online and a number of respondents had replied. It was

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agreed that the exercise would continue into the Autumn and those individuals who had agreed to take part in further questioning, would be contacted by Michael Cairns. So far a total of 38 employers and 30 drivers had taken part in the exercise.

- i. Next steps: Maya Rousen said the next steps of the sub group were:
 - i. complete the information gathering exercise (including the use of the online questionnaire);
 - ii. completing a draft report in late Autumn / early Winter;
 - iii. producing the completed report for the December meeting of ScotFLAG;.
- j. Date of next meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting would be in Victoria Quay on 13 October 2010.

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

- a. Phil Flanders to contact ACPOST for information on crime and known black spots for parking;
- b. Phil Flanders to discuss use of park and ride sites for overnight parking for HGVs with RTPs;
- c. Jim May to send updated information on truck stops to Peter Cullen;
- d. Michael Cairns to telephone individuals wanting to take a further part in the questionnaire.