



Study Group Newsletter

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Welcome to our third SDCC Study Group Newsletter with updates on the recent questionnaire, Cross Tay Road Link and more. If you would like to be a part of the Study Group please get in touch or come along to our next meeting, new members are very welcome, details below.

COFFEE MORNING – Saturday 10th September 2016, RDM Institute 10.00 to 11.45am

Following the success of the May Coffee Morning we have decided to hold another! These are a great opportunity to update everyone on the progress of the Study Group and chat in person to those unable to attend Community Council meetings.

Again we will be offering a tombola, raffle and updating everyone on the questionnaire results. Entrance is £3 adult, £1 for kids and absolutely everyone is welcome. Funds raised will go towards work carried out by the Study Group such as printing costs, booking of rooms at the Institute, research etc.

Volunteers are required for home baking and helping on the day, please get in touch if you are able to help.

DONATIONS

Alternatively, if you would like to provide a donation to the Study Group please contact us on sconedevelopment@outlook.com where we will put you in contact with Martin Rhodes our treasurer.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

There has been a great response to the recent questionnaire that went to every household in Scone. Deadline for submission was 1st August and results show that 48.6% of the village responded (we are assured this is very high) so a huge thank you to all that completed and returned their questionnaire.

Results gathered so far seem to be overwhelmingly against the building of more houses in Scone prior to the new Cross Tay Road Link bridge, with some in favour but once exact figures are collated we will be sharing these with the local press, TV, Scone & District Community Council, MSP's, Planning Department, P&K Council, local Councillors, social media etc.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH JOHN SWINNEY MSP

Members from the Study Group met with John Swinney MSP on Monday 20th June to highlight our concerns over further development of Scone, traffic congestion, air pollution, flood risk and strain on local services.

This week we received a response and plan to respond accordingly. In his letter he asks that other members get in touch so, as elected representative for this area we urge people to write to Mr Swinney direct and ask that he acknowledge the concern of his constituents.

Email: john.swinney.msp@parliament.scot

More detail will follow separately once the Study Group digest the response Mr Swinney has received from the head of planning at P&K Council.

PINE MARTENS IN HIGHFIELD WOODS

After the recent discovery of rare pine martens in Highfield Woods we received some great press coverage in the local papers. Thank you to Lewis Simpson for leading this and of course to Angus McNicol and Andrew Wombill for their efforts.

The Study Group has been in touch directly with Scottish Natural Heritage and been assured that they have conducted the required habitat survey on behalf of the developer and are unconcerned with the results. We have written back with further unanswered questions and await a response.



CROSS TAY ROAD LINK

Now that the Cross Tay Road Link has been given the go-ahead as part of the council's £500m master plan, we are no closer to a timescale or guarantee of funds to start this project.

Peter Marshall, head of planning at Perth & Kinross Council recently confirmed in an article for Scottish Planning that P&K Council had committed £40m to this project, but the total is estimated at £140m leaving "developers" to fund the remaining balance.

We have been assured by our local councillors that they will oppose further housing being built in Scone (apart from the 100 at Highfield/Harper Way as these are now out-with the embargo) until the CTRL is *underway* and a completion date confirmed.

As Morris Leslie now proposes to build 50 houses at Perth Airport and a further 100 at Balbeggie this adds yet more traffic to Scone and Bridgend before we consider the impact of a further 700 in Scone.

The fact remains that the purpose of the CTRL is *to address problems of traffic congestion and associated air quality problems within Perth. Its stated purpose is **not** to improve traffic levels in Scone or to discourage large goods vehicles from travelling through that settlement.*

Effect on health remains paramount to our campaign; toxic gases and particulates from car and HGV exhaust fumes state clearly that they can cause cardiovascular disease, threats to unborn children (recent studies show links to miscarriage and autism), anxiety, dementia etc. Road safety for pedestrians, children and cyclists is also highlighted as more cars detour away from the congested Angus Road/Perth Road to create a 'rat run' into Perth city centre or beyond.

DRAINAGE & FLOODING

Have you had an issue with flooding or drainage on your property or the surrounding area over the past 20 years?

As concern grows for the effect more development will have on drainage in Scone, we have set up a sub-group purely focussed on this subject and would like anyone with any knowledge or experience of this to please get in touch.

A separate email will come to you regarding this issue and contact details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

RECENT PRESS CUTTINGS

We continue to make regular features in the local press with coverage in The Dundee Courier, The Perthshire Advertiser and The Daily Record online.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Scone & District Community Council Meeting

Monday 29th August, 7.30pm at the Robert Douglas Memorial Institute
All welcome

Public Consultation on Balbeggie Developments by Morris Leslie

Date to be confirmed

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