

Item 11 - Question Time

Response to Mr A Baxter

Although land has been reserved through Local Plans in the area, the Caol Link Road has not been identified as a project within the Scottish Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review. A case for investment must therefore be made to demonstrate the need and benefits of such a link. The proposed way forward is that the case for the link road should be reinvigorated as an integral part of the preparation of the West Highland & Islands Local Development Plan process which is now underway. It is intended that a short study be prepared as part of the Plan preparation process setting out the history, problems, potential solutions and benefits offered by the link road. Through this the Council will have good opportunity for Member and public engagement and the reinforcement of a lobbying position to make to the Scottish Government. Transport Scotland has agreed to provide some information for this study and to continue to have dialogue with local stakeholders throughout the process.