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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 December 2025 raising your constituents concerns regarding traffic at the Keir Roundabout.

We note your request for the results of the recent traffic camera surveillance survey and the conflict study undertaken by Amey, Transport Scotland's Operating Company for the north east trunk road network. These reports are still in progress and discussions on potential safety enhancements are ongoing. Amey advises that the draft report is scheduled to be presented to Transport Scotland by the end of January 2026 for comment.

Regarding the timing and scope of the investigations, the traffic conflict studies are specifically designed to analyse real-time interactions among road users, such as sudden braking, swerving, or near misses that could potentially lead to accidents. Unlike studies based solely on historical incident records, these surveys focus on present-day behaviour and the conditions that may be contributing to operational or safety issues. The conflict study is therefore intended to capture and assess these factors to inform any necessary improvements.

In relation to your concern about the survey being conducted during the school summer holidays, we acknowledge that traffic flows can differ when schools are not in session, particularly due to changes in drop-off and pick-up patterns. However, conflict studies are structured so that the time of year, including whether schools are open, generally does not have a significant impact on the reliability of results. Traffic conflicts tend to occur consistently under standard conditions, and short-term observations can offer meaningful insights regardless of the season. Additionally, higher tourist volumes during the summer months can create different traffic patterns and behaviours, highlighting further safety considerations for the roundabout.

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In relation to your concerns regarding the resurfacing works on the M9 southbound between Junctions 10 and 11, this section of the trunk road network falls within the remit of BEAR Scotland, another of Transport Scotland's Operating Companies. This location was recently reviewed under the CS228 Skid Resistance process, which is a routine method of measuring road surface grip, assessing whether it meets safety requirements, and investigating or repairing the surface if levels fall too low.

This review identified an increase in the number and frequency of non-injury accidents, which correlated with a reduction in skid resistance over the last three years. That treatment to improve skid resistance was carried out in November with the aim to restore the necessary surface characteristics to improve safety and reduce accident numbers.

BEAR Scotland will monitor the effectiveness of the treatment over the coming months, and if required, further investigatory work will be undertaken.

Yours sincerely



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