



## Briefing for the Public Petitions Committee

**Petition Number:** [PE1236](#)

**Main Petitioner:** Jill Campbell

**Subject:** Calls on the Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to improve safety measures on the A90 by constructing a grade separated junction where the A937 crosses the A90 at Laurencekirk.

### Background

The A90 is a trunk road connecting central Edinburgh with Frazerburgh, although the route between a point several miles to the north of the Forth Road Bridge and Perth is classified as the M90. The A90 used to run through the centre of Laurencekirk, until a bypass was constructed in the mid-1980's. There are three at-grade junctions connecting Laurencekirk with this stretch of the A90. This petition relates to the southernmost of these, which is a staggered crossroads with the A937, a road which links Laurencekirk with Montrose.

### Scottish Government Action

Safety improvements were made to the A90/A937 junction during 2005, including the imposition of a 50mph speed limit, the installation of speed cameras and warning lights.

### Scottish Parliament Action

The Scottish Parliament previously considered petition PE778, also submitted by Jill Campbell, which was lodged on 8 October 2004. The Public Petitions Committee took evidence from the petitioner on 10 November 2004. The Committee closed the petition on 2 March 2005 after receiving a letter from the then Scottish Executive which outlined a series of road safety improvements that would be made to the A90/A937 junction, which were implemented in 2005 as outlined above. Committee members did note that these improvements fell short of the petitioner's call for the construction of a full grade-separated junction. The convener closed consideration of the petition by stating that "*I think that there is a longer-term issue, and Mike Rumbles will have to keep an eye on it. If the petitioners want to get back to the committee, we will be more than happy to hear from them*".

The issue of grade separation of the A90/A937 junction was raised by Mike Rumbles MSP during the [debate](#) on the Scottish Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR), on 10 December 2008. Mike Rumbles

MSP was concerned that the STPR did not include any mention of an upgrade of the A90/A937 junction.

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