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"You said"	"We did"
<i>Extend the 30mph speed zone on the A96 in advance of the new junction with the link road.</i>	<i>The 30mph speed limit will be extended to 150m west of the new A96 junction.</i>

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"You said"	"We did"
<i>Add new bus stops just south of the junction between the link road and the A96.</i>	<i>With no houses on either side of this part of the road, a bus stop is not needed. It could be added easily if the situation changes.</i>

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"You said"	"We did"
<i>Include new housing plots at the A96 junction face onto the street</i>	<i>Gateway/public amenity area favoured over housing development.</i>

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"You said"	"We did"
<i>Revisit the property boundary options at Wittet Drive</i>	<i>New boundary walls will be located closer to edge of road.</i>

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"You said"	"We did"
<i>Reconsider use of traffic islands as they present a potential hazard for cyclists</i>	<i>We have removed the islands.</i>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Traffic islands should be less physically and visually obtrusive. Consider using vegetation.</i></p>	<p><i>We have removed the islands.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Reduce the width of the link road to from 6.6m to 6.0m.</i></p>	<p><i>We have reduced the road to 6.0m.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Remove road markings where possible.</i></p>	<p><i>We have removed the centre line and minimised other markings.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Include sections of shared surface (mixing vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians on the same level surface) to break up the route.</i></p>	<p><i>The type and volume of traffic on Wittet Drive make a shared surface a safety concern.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Allocate parking on alternating sides of the road to break up the straight alignment.</i></p>	<p><i>Narrowing the road further to reduce speeds will have the same effect. A new cycleway and footway are provided in favour of parking.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Impose a 20mph speed along the link road.</i></p>	<p><i>30 mph limit is appropriate, however the changes are intended to reduce speeds by careful street design.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Reduce visibility to traffic lights at junction with Pluscarden Road in order to reduce traffic speed.</i></p>	<p><i>With Wittet Drive being straight, visibility cannot be reduced. Careful street design will reduce speeds.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Consider alternative traffic control for Pluscarden Junction such as zebra crossings in place of signals.</i></p>	<p><i>Cyclists should not use Zebras unless they walk. At this location traffic signals are safer for all types of users.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Include a raised table (where the road is raised to pavement height) for the junction with Pluscarden Road.</i></p>	<p><i>Raised tables cause extra braking and acceleration. They are not so good for bus passengers. Signals are safer for all .</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Widen the footway on the eastern side of the road just south of Pluscarden Junction.</i></p>	<p><i>We have widened the eastern footway by 0.6m.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Reduce the route signage clutter along the road (particularly at junction with Petrie Crescent.</i></p>	<p><i>We have minimised road signs.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Avoid signage encouraging traffic from major routes to use the link road.</i></p>	<p><i>Signage will direct traffic to New Elgin and the South via the A941, but not through traffic from the A96.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Give cyclists and pedestrians priority through junctions (particularly that with Mayne road).</i></p>	<p><i>Cycling priority at Pluscarden Road is by the signals. Elsewhere, priorities are not changed but the cycleway will continue across junctions on a raised platform – so vehicles will have to slow down.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Provide a vehicular junction with truncated Wards road and the new link road.</i></p>	<p><i>We have not been able to keep Wards Road linked because of the difference in levels. There is a footpath link retained</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Provide colour options for the rail bridge parapet.</i></p>	<p><i>Natural materials are used where possible, but rail parapets have to be concrete, which can be coloured.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Re-visit barrier requirements for the road south of the rail bridge.</i></p>	<p><i>We can't remove the barrier at the rail crossing on safety grounds, but we will use a barrier that blends in rather than the metal ones.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Consider including a footway on the eastern side of link road south of the rail bridge.</i></p>	<p><i>A new footpath is provided.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Plant tree lines along the southern section of the link road.</i></p>	<p><i>Trees will be planted along either side of the road.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Consider meandering the southern section instead of being relatively straight.</i></p>	<p><i>Yes, road realigned.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Consider having frontage development along eastern side to the south of the junction with Fairfield Avenue.</i></p>	<p><i>The new alignment of the road does not leave enough space for development.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Include more pedestrian and cyclist junctions and crossings along the southern section.</i></p>	<p><i>Additional junctions and crossings provided.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Provide access into wetlands.</i></p>	<p><i>Yes, 2 new accesses provided.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Provide bus stops on the main carriageway surface as opposed to installing bus lay-bys.</i></p>	<p><i>Bus stops provided on-road.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
<p><i>Provide shelters for bus stops due to their rural location.</i></p>	<p><i>Yes, shelters provided.</i></p>

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"You said"	"We did"
Explore noise mitigation options for road adjacent to primary school.	Currently under review.

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"You said"	"We did"
Provide on-street parking along Edgar road for residents use.	No parking restriction proposed.

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"You said"	"We did"
Remove the traffic island east of junction with Glen Lossie Drive.	Removed.

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"You said"	"We did"
32 requests	18 fully or substantially 3 partially – legal constraints

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"You said"	"We didn't"
32 requests	4 found unsuitable 1 for legal reasons 2 conflicted with others 1 can be added if needed 2 had no real benefit

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Summing up and thoughts?