

APPENDIX 2**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS RELATING TO THE ELGIN WESTERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD/WESTERN LINK ROAD**

Committee Title	Date	Summary
Environmental Services Committee – Elgin Bypass	13.03.2002	Budget approved for preliminary investigations into potential for bypass.
ES Committee – Elgin Bypass and Traffic Management	06.08.2003	Noted from the STAG Part 1 report * that a Bypass would not provide significant benefit to users of A96/residents of Elgin and that this option should only be pursued as a long term objective. Agreed to seek support of Scottish Executive for improvement of trunk road through Elgin and to buy in specialist traffic consultancy services. [*Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance report. This is a two part process: Part 1 is a high level option appraisal and Part 2 is a more detailed analysis. The original Part 1 objective was <i>to provide a quicker, safer and more reliable transport system in and around Elgin while accommodating future development</i>]
ES Committee – Proposed new road link – Edgar Road to A96	28.04.2004	Approval for public consultation on a link road between Edgar Road and A96.
ES Committee – Proposed new road link – Edgar Road to A96	01.09.2004	Noted consultation responses. Agreed to carry out further modelling and evaluate options.
Moray Council: Transport Model and STAG procurement	9.11.2005	Committee agreed to commission a traffic model to inform the STAG options appraisal process and directed that, within the STAG appraisal process, there are no pre-conditions for transport network options in Elgin West
ES Committee – STAG Part 1	30.08.2006	Noted recommendations from STAG 1 report and responses from stakeholders. Agreed to proceed to a STAG part 2 appraisal on 20 options. 18 options under the groupings: “traffic management” and “link and junction improvement” as well as a public transport option and a parking strategy option.
ES Committee	April 2007	Interim review of STAG part 2 process identified 7 out of 20 transport options to be taken forward for a full STAG part 2 appraisal: 1. Wittet Drive Link; 2. Morrison Road Link; 3. Bypass North; 4. Bypass South (short); 5. Bypass south (long); 6. Southern Distributor urban inner route; Southern distributor rural outer route.

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ES (Special) Committee – STAG Part 2	30.08.2007	Of 7 options in STAG 2 report: agreed to proceed with detailed design work for the Wittet Drive link using the existing Wittet Drive/ A96 junction.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Elgin Traffic Management	03.02.2009	New framework agreement for externally sourced transport and design services approved.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Capitol Plan 2009/10	26.05.2009	Approved 3 year expenditure on consultancy and option development for Western Distributor Road
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Elgin Road Hierarchy, Primary and District Distributor roads	08.12.2009	Approved consultation on Wittet Drive as a District Distributor Road as part of the Elgin road hierarchy.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee	15.06.2010	Noted timetable for Western Distributor Road Option appraisal and approved progressing of 4 options: 1. do nothing: 2. do minimum 3. urban (inner) route and 4. rural (outer) route
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Stage 1 option appraisal report	24.08.2010	Agreed the continuation of the option appraisal process for the Western Distributor Road within the Elgin traffic management programme.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Value engineering on the rural corridor	19.10.2010	Approved the inclusion of the rural (inner) route as a fifth option in the Western Distributor Road option appraisal process.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee –Western Distributor Road Option	14.12.2010	Noted the progress on the option appraisal for the Western Distributor Road and approved details for public consultation.

Appraisal		
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Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Elgin Traffic Management Western Distributor Road Option Appraisal	08.03.2011	Noted outcome of public consultation. Considered 5 options for Western Distributor Road : 1. do nothing; 2. existing network enhancements; 3. urban (inner) route; 4. rural inner route and 5; rural (outer) route. Discounted 4 and 5 from further consideration.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Route approval	28.06.2011	Approved the urban (inner) route with a new bridge crossing the railway and using Wittet Drive as the improved Elgin Western Distributor Road. Agreed that further option appraisal be carried out on the A96/Wittet Drive junction.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Western Distributor Road	06.09.2011	Considered 3 options for the A96/Wittet Drive junction along with the property implications of each. Selected roundabout at Sheriffmill Road as preferred option.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Approach for compensation and acquisition of property	01.11.2011	Approved acquisition of, and the compensation approach to, properties affected by the Scheme.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Capital plan 2012/13 –Project execution plan	13.03.2012	Approved the overall project budget requirements for the Western Distributor Road in a project execution plan.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Update and communication and engagement strategy	28.08.2012	Approved communication and engagement strategy and proposals for public exhibition in September 2012. Agreed change of Scheme name to “Western Link Road”.
Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee – Approval to promote CPO	23.10.2012	Agreed that revised interim design and draft CPO documents be submitted to next Committee.

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Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee		Agreed detailed design changes including traffic lights at A96/ Wittet Drive junction. Recommended that Moray Council should promote a CPO. Authorised investigation into improvements to Edgar Road - Sandy Road.