

## **Options for Removing North East Traffic from Dundee's Kingsway and Forfar Road**

### **Introduction**

The A90 corridor through Dundee, particularly Kingsway and Forfar Road, faces severe congestion, delays, pollution, and economic costs. This physical division of the city, caused by excessive traffic, further exacerbates these issues. To alleviate these problems, options have been considered, and DCT advocates one as the most viable solution.

### **Proposed Solution: Upgrading the A94**

DCT supports the modest upgrading of the A94 route from Perth to Forfar as the best alternative to reducing traffic on the A90. The advantages of this option include:

#### **Route Characteristics**

- The A94 is an underutilised single carriageway road with good construction standards.
- The route is largely in open countryside, with exceptions for sections passing through villages such as Balbeggie, Burrelton, Meigle, and Coupar Angus.
- The road is mostly flat and straight, offering easy overtaking opportunities, minimal congestion, and improved safety for heavy goods vehicles.

#### **Integration with Existing Infrastructure**

- The £130 million Cross Tay Link Road, opened in 2025, already provides direct connectivity to the A9/M90 routes, and thus enhances accessibility.
- Travel distances and times for HGVs via the A94 will be similar compared to the A90, but the A94 offers a smoother and more fuel-efficient drive.

#### **Immediate Benefits**

- The A94 has already, to some extent, become a viable alternative from 2026 without requiring additional expenditure.
- A significant proportion of traffic is expected to divert from the A90 to the A94, particularly during peak periods.
- Roadside signage improvements at both ends of this route will further encourage the use of this alternative road.

#### **Long-Term Advantages**

- The creation of an alternative route enhances resilience in case of road closures due to weather or accidents.
- The A94 is less susceptible to winter conditions such as snow and ice due to its low elevation and lack of steep inclines.

- Traffic increases on the A94 will necessitate bypasses for affected villages, which can be built cost-effectively. Indeed, the already-increased traffic flow will result in calls from villagers for these modest bypasses.
- Completing this option requires minimal expenditure compared to other potential solutions.

#### **Government Support and Implementation**

- Transport Scotland could classify the A94 as a trunk road, which would readily facilitate its development.
- If trunking is not feasible, the Scottish Government could authorise capital funding for necessary upgrades.
- Completing minor bypasses along the A94 would create a continuous trunk route and significantly improve traffic flow.

#### **Conclusion**

Dundee Civic Trust strongly endorses the A94 upgrade as the most effective solution for diverting traffic from Kingsway and improving Dundee's urban environment.