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## **Gilanderson Bridge – Why Are We Waiting!**

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West has written to the Chief Executive of Network Rail on a number of occasions regarding the condition of the traffic light controlled Gilanderson Bridge between Cairneyhill and Torryburn. On each occasion, he has received written assurances of Network Rail's intention to complete its review of the liability assessment in the near future but, as yet, there appears to be no action!

Jim commented "The bridge was assessed by Fife Council in April 2004 and the report submitted to Network Rail for acceptance. As the bridge failed its assessment to current loading standards, the Council report recommended that Network Rail carried out their own assessment to determine the ability of the bridge to meet their load bearing obligations. I understand that Fife Council have now been waiting an incredible six years for Network Rail's report and despite sending reminders, the council are still waiting for Network Rail!

Network Rail is keeping the public and the Council waiting for no good reason – I have written to Network Rail yet again and am waiting for a response. I have also written to Stewart Stevenson MSP, Minister for Transport expressing my anger at this long running situation. Just why is Network Rail keeping the Council and the public waiting? This is not nearly good enough!"

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