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Dear Gordon,

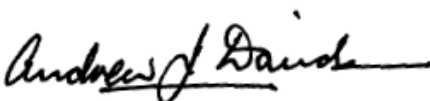
Resignation from the Committee of the Scottish Transport Studies Group

Further to the discussion at the Scottish Transport Studies Group committee meeting on 20 January 2010.

As I explained at the meeting, I have had growing concerns for some time over suggestions that STSG should commission and publish research that could be construed as being politically motivated and critical of Ministers. As a civil servant, I am bound by the Civil Service Code of Conduct which explicitly requires me to serve the Government, whatever its political composition, in a way which maintains political impartiality. I cannot and will not compromise on this principle and you will understand that I equally cannot be associated with an organisation which might deliberately set out to "embarrass" the government, as suggested by the Chair during the discussion at the meeting on 20 January.

In light of the above, and in order to allow the STSG free reign to explore whatever research area it sees fit without hinderance from me, I confirm my resignation as a member of the committee of the Scottish Transport Studies Group with immediate effect. I would be grateful if you would arrange to have my contact details removed from the STSG website and for my name to be removed from the email circulation list.

Yours sincerely,



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