

A83 Rest and Be Thankful

Public Engagement Report - Draft Order Exhibitions

Medium-Term Solution and Long-Term Solution

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Executive Summary

Background

The A83 is one of two east-west strategic trunk roads that connects Argyll and Bute to the central belt of Scotland, making it a vital link in the region's transportation infrastructure. The adjacent hillsides have a history of instability resulting in landslides and debris flow hazards, which have increased in recent years due to the frequency of heavy, intense periods of rainfall, leading to road closures and resultant diversion. The A83 Rest and Be Thankful scheme is being taken forward by Transport Scotland as a long-term, resilient, and sustainable solution to the problem of landslides in Glen Croe.

Public engagement

Transport Scotland is committed to engaging with stakeholders and the local community throughout the scheme. The purpose of the January 2025 public exhibitions was to provide local communities and road users the opportunity to view and comment on the draft Orders, including Compulsory Purchase Orders and Environmental Impact Assessments published on 13 December 2024 for the Long-Term Solution (LTS) and the Medium-Term Solution (MTS).

The eight-week statutory consultation period ran from 13 December 2024 to 7 February 2025 whereby representations to the draft Orders and Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIAR), including objections could be made in writing to Transport Scotland.

The public engagement included a hybrid approach featuring five in-person events and two virtual exhibition rooms, one for the MTS and one for the LTS.

A total of 330 people attended the in-person events which were held as follows:

- Campbeltown: Wednesday 15 January 2025
- Lochgilphead: Thursday 16 January 2025
- Lochgoilhead: Friday 17 January 2025
- Dunoon: Monday 20 January 2025
- Arrochar: Tuesday 21 January 2025

The in-person events included information boards which explained details of the MTS and LTS schemes. There were 11 information boards for the LTS scheme and 9 for the MTS scheme. A three-dimensional visualisation for each scheme was also available to view. The events were promoted via adverts in local newspapers, social media posts using Transport Scotland social media channels, poster distribution to the event locations, community buildings and local shops, the online A83 Story Map, Transport Scotland website and by email via the scheme specific email address A83@WSP.com.

The virtual exhibition rooms were live from 13 December 2024 and received 1,865 unique (first time) views up until they closed on 10 February 2025.

Representations

No written feedback was sought on the information displayed. Instead, in accordance with the statutory process, stakeholders and members of the public were able to make formal representations (including objections) to Transport Scotland directly on either the MTS scheme, LTS scheme or both during the eight-week formal statutory consultation period.

1. Introduction

1.1. About this report

- 1.1.1. This report outlines the communication and engagement activities undertaken by Transport Scotland for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful scheme in relation to the publication of draft Orders including Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and Environmental Impact Assessment Reports (EIAR) for both the Medium-Term Solution (MTS) and the Long-Term Solution (LTS) schemes.
- 1.1.2. It includes an overview of the formal consultation period which took place between 13 December 2024 and 7 February 2025.

1.2. Background

- 1.2.1. The A83 Trunk Road is a major 98 mile/158 km road in the south of Argyll and Bute in the Scottish Highlands. The A83 is a vital artery route through Argyll, running from Tarbet on the western shore of Loch Lomond, where it splits from the A82 to Campbeltown at the southern tip of the Kintyre peninsular. The highest point along the route is known as the Rest and Be Thankful, separating Glen Kinglas and Glen Croe.
- 1.2.2. The section of the A83 between Ardgartan and the Rest and Be Thankful car park and viewpoint has a history of hillside instability, in particular, the Beinn Luibhean slopes above the Rest and Be Thankful.
- 1.2.3. Transport Scotland continue to actively work with BEAR Scotland to keep the existing A83 open at the Rest and Be Thankful despite the effects of the weather. Work to date has included the installation of a new culvert and construction of an additional catch pit and debris fencing.

1.3. Long-Term Solution

- 1.3.1. The LTS objectives are:
 - **Resilience** – reduce the impact of disruption for travel to, from and between key towns within Argyll and Bute, and for communities accessed via the strategic road network;
 - **Safety** – positively contribute towards the Scottish Government’s Vision Zero road safety target by reducing accidents on the road network and their severity;

- **Economy** – reduce geographic and economic inequalities within Argyll and Bute through improved connectivity and resilience;
- **Sustainable travel** – encourage sustainable travel to, from and within Argyll and Bute through facilitating bus, active travel, and sustainable travel choices; and
- **Environment** - protect the environment, including the benefits local communities and visitors obtain from the natural environment by enhancing natural capital assets and ecosystem service provision through the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure.

1.3.2. In June 2023 the former Minister for Transport, Kevin Stewart MSP announced the preferred route for the permanent LTS as the Brown Option which consists of a debris flow shelter and catch pit on the line of the existing A83. This announcement marked a major milestone in the scheme.

1.3.3. The key components of the LTS scheme are:

- 2.4km single carriageway improvements;
- 1.4km debris flow shelter (DFS) structure and catch pit;
- 146m debris flow protection wall and catch pit;
- 30m new bridge structure;
- Watercourse realignment, channel improvement works and culverts;
- Drainage works, including sustainable drainage systems (SuDS);
- Upgrades to the B828 junction with the A83;
- Upgrades to the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park and Viewpoint; and
- A 560m active travel link along the B828 from the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park.

1.3.4. To support the construction of the LTS scheme and provide a suitable and more resilient diversion route for A83 Trunk Road traffic, a series of improvements to the Old Military Road (OMR) are included in the LTS scheme:

- Widening of the OMR over a length of approximately 1.4km to accommodate two-way traffic including a new proprietary bridge structure that will carry southbound traffic with northbound traffic continuing on the existing bridge over the Croe Water;
- Localised widening at three existing sharp bends at the northern end of Glen Croe to assist HGVs in navigating the narrow carriageway when using the OMR as the diversion route;

- An approximately 150m long debris flow protection earthwork bund to protect the OMR during debris flow and rock fall events; and
- Extension of the existing HESCO barrier by approximately 150m to protect the OMR during debris flow and rock fall events.

1.3.5. Transport Scotland is working at pace to deliver the LTS, however, construction of the scheme can only commence once the statutory process is complete and a main works contractor is appointed.

1.4. Medium-Term Solution

1.4.1. On 23 December 2022, the former Minister for Transport Jenny Gilruth announced the preferred option for the MTS. Improvements to the existing OMR through the Glen Croe corridor are being made to make it a more resilient diversion route until the LTS at the Rest and Be Thankful is in place. These improvements will improve the resilience of the diversion route, reduce journey times, are the quickest to construct, are of lower cost and have the least impacts overall across the range of criteria assessed of the medium-term options considered.

1.4.2. The MTS objectives are:

- Increase the resilience of a temporary diversion route by reducing the likelihood of closure due to landslides, flooding, or other incidents;
- Maximise the operational benefits of a temporary diversion route, for all vehicles, by providing a route that achieves a proportionate balance of time to implement, cost and impact; and
- Reduce the likelihood of accidents on a temporary diversion route.

1.4.3. The MTS Phase 1 works started in December 2023 and include the realignment of the OMR at the southern end junction with the A83 to avoid an area prone to flooding. The new link road became operational in Spring 2024.

1.4.4. The MTS scheme includes a series of improvements to the OMR and geotechnical improvements, including:

- Widening of the OMR over a length of approximately 1.4km to accommodate two-way traffic including a new proprietary bridge structure that will carry southbound traffic with northbound traffic continuing on the existing bridge over the Croe Water;
- Localised widening at three existing sharp bends at the northern end of Glen Croe to assist HGVs in navigating the narrow carriageway when using the OMR as the diversion route;

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- 1.4.5. The extension of the OMR for two-way widening and a reduction in the length of convoy operation results in average journey times reducing by one third (approximately 10 minutes). This journey time improvement on the existing OMR operation aims to provide improvements both in the medium-term and long-term (during the long-term solution construction).
- 1.4.6. Transport Scotland is aiming to deliver the MTS project as quickly as possible, however, construction of the scheme can only commence once the statutory process is complete and a main works contractor is appointed.

2. Engagement approach

2.1. Overview

- 2.1.1. Following the announcement of the preferred route for the permanent, LTS for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful in spring 2023, public exhibitions were held in June 2023 to give local communities and road users the opportunity to see and comment on the LTS preferred route, MTS project progress and understand the challenges at the Rest and Be Thankful.
- 2.1.2. In March 2024, public engagement events were held to give local communities and road users an update on the design development for the LTS and on the progress towards delivering the MTS.
- 2.1.3. The purpose of the January 2025 draft Order public exhibitions was to provide local communities, stakeholders and road users the opportunity to view and comment on the draft Orders, including CPO and EIARs for the LTS and MTS schemes.
- 2.1.4. The statutory consultation period ran from 13 December 2024 to 7 February 2025. During this eight-week consultation period, representations to the draft Orders and EIARs, including objections, could be submitted in writing to Transport Scotland.
- 2.1.5. A hybrid approach was taken for the draft Order engagement period featuring online virtual exhibitions which were live throughout the statutory consultation period, and in-person events held over five days in January 2025, as noted in section 2.3 below.

2.2. Draft Orders

- 2.2.1. The draft Orders are statutory documents that define the line of the road, associated works and the land required for the schemes.
- 2.2.2. The draft Orders including CPO and EIAR for both the MTS and the LTS were published on 13 December 2024. This marked the start of the statutory process and the formal eight-week consultation period, which closed on 7 February 2025. The MTS and LTS are standalone schemes and were considered separately in relation to providing formal representations.
- 2.2.3. In addition to the in-person exhibitions and online virtual exhibition, copies of the draft Orders including CPO and EIAR were also available to view at the following locations, during their normal opening hours, until 7 February 2025:

- Lochgilphead Library, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8QX
- Aqualibrium, Kinloch Road, Campbeltown, PA28 6EG
- Three Villages Hall, Shore Road, Arrochar, G83 7AB
- Dunoon Library, 9 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7HH
- Transport Scotland Office, George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD

2.2.4. Notices of determination were also published in the Argyllshire Advertiser, Campbeltown Courier, Edinburgh Gazette, Helensburgh Advertiser and Oban Times on Friday 13 December and Thursday 19 December 2024. Copies are included in Appendix A.

2.3. In-person public exhibitions

2.3.1. There were five in-person public exhibitions held to provide members of the public, local communities, and stakeholders the opportunity to view the engagement materials. Staff from Transport Scotland and AWJV attended the events to answer any queries or discuss details of the schemes.

2.3.2. The in-person public exhibitions were held at:

- Victoria Hall, Campbeltown on Wednesday 15 January 2025 (1-7pm)
- Lochgilphead Bowling Club on Thursday 16 January 2025 (1- 7pm)
- Lochgoilhead Village Hall on Friday 17 January 2025 (1- 6pm)
- The Queen's Hall, Dunoon on Monday 20 January 2025 (1-7pm)
- Three Villages Hall, Arrochar on Tuesday 21 January 2025 (1-7pm)

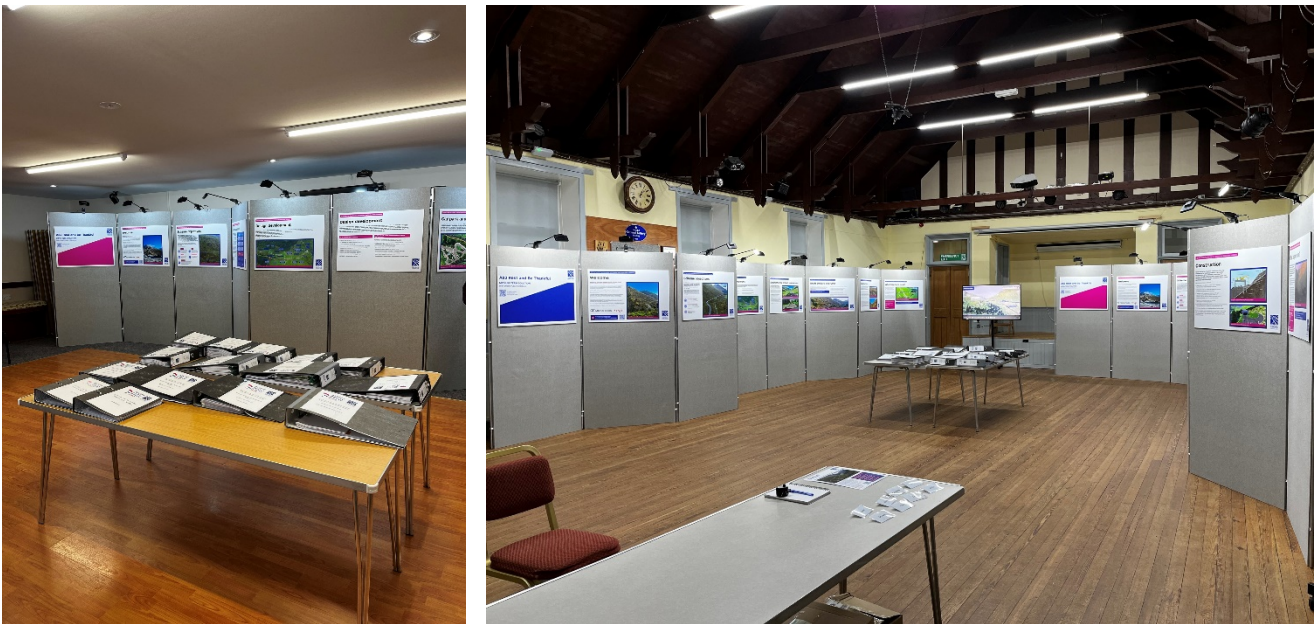
2.3.3. The exhibition room was laid out with a total of 20 information boards, covering the MTS (9 boards) and LTS (11 boards) plus television monitors displaying a visualisation of each scheme. Details of the boards are described in Section 2.5. The room was separated with MTS boards on one side of the room and LTS boards on the other to maintain separation between the two schemes.

2.3.4. Alongside the draft Orders and EIARs, copies of the Scheme Assessment Report for the MTS and the DMRB Stage 3 Report for the LTS were also available to view on a central table at the public exhibition events. These were also published online on Transport Scotland's [website](#).

2.3.5. Events were attended by members of the public, local councillors, community councils and local community groups, totalling 330 attendees across the five events. The breakdown of attendees by event is listed below and exhibition photographs are shown in Figure 1.

- Campbeltown – 82 attendees
- Lochgilphead – 78 attendees
- Lochgoilhead – 56 attendees
- Dunoon – 69 attendees
- Arrochar – 45 attendees

Figure 1- In person exhibition rooms



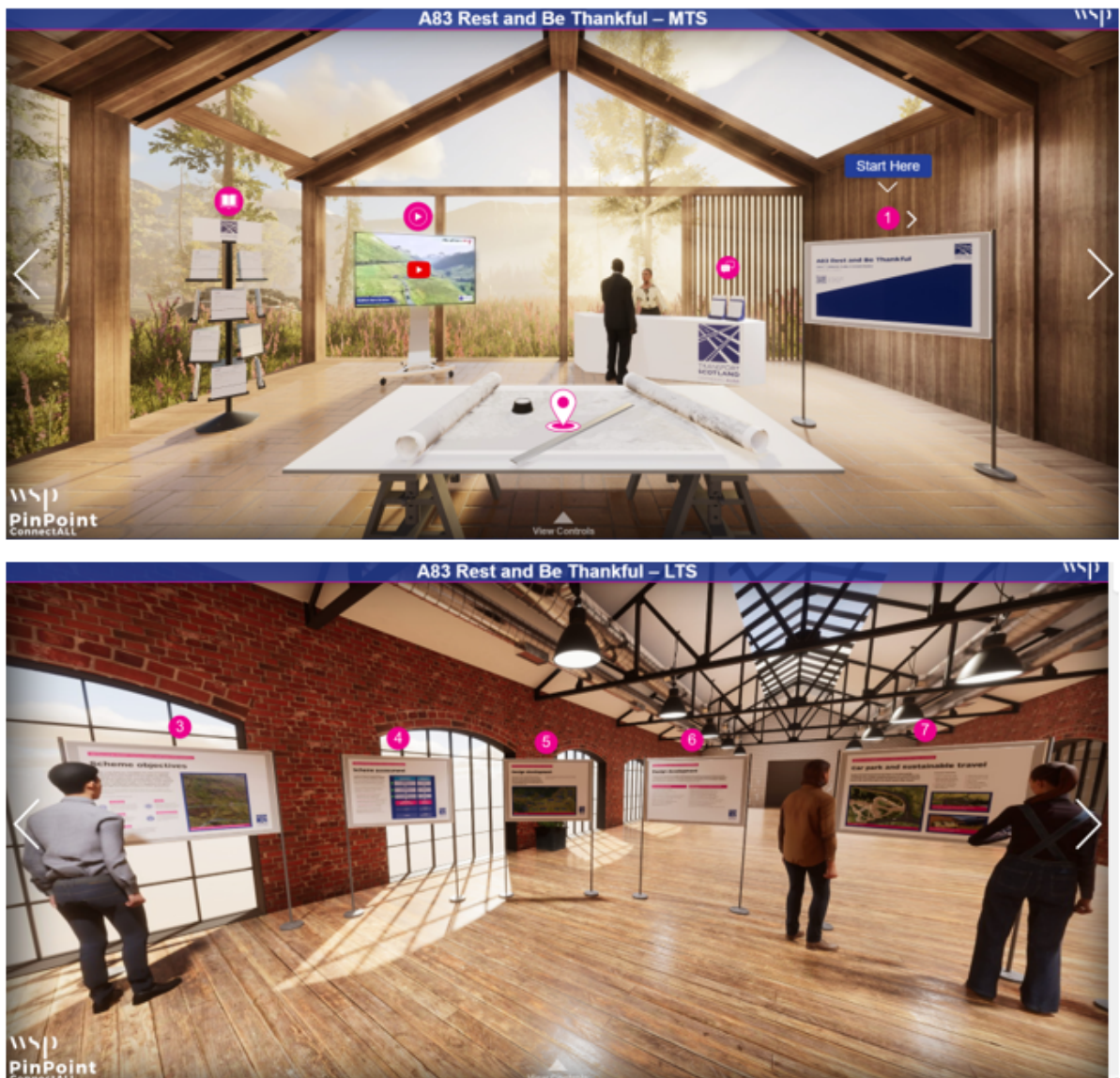
2.4. Virtual exhibition rooms

- 2.4.1. Two virtual exhibition rooms were set up to ensure anyone unable to attend the in-person public exhibition events was able to view the same materials. One virtual room displayed the information for the MTS and the other virtual room displayed information for the LTS. Both rooms went live on 13 December 2024, several weeks in advance of the first public exhibition in Campbeltown in January 2025, to coincide with the date of publishing draft Orders and EIARs for the MTS and LTS schemes.
- 2.4.2. The virtual exhibition rooms were hosted on a PinPoint Connect All website and included digital copies of the information boards, the MTS Scheme Assessment Report, the LTS DMRB Stage 3 Assessment Report, MTS and LTS draft Order documents and three-dimensional fly-through visualisations of both schemes. The rooms also contained links to the EIARs for the MTS and LTS schemes.

2.4.3. In total, the virtual exhibition rooms received 1,865 unique (first time) views between 13 December 2024 and 10 February 2025. Once the rooms closed on 10 February 2025, all materials were transferred to the online A83 Story Map, which is described in Section 2.6.

2.4.4. Screenshots of the virtual exhibition rooms are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2- Virtual exhibition rooms



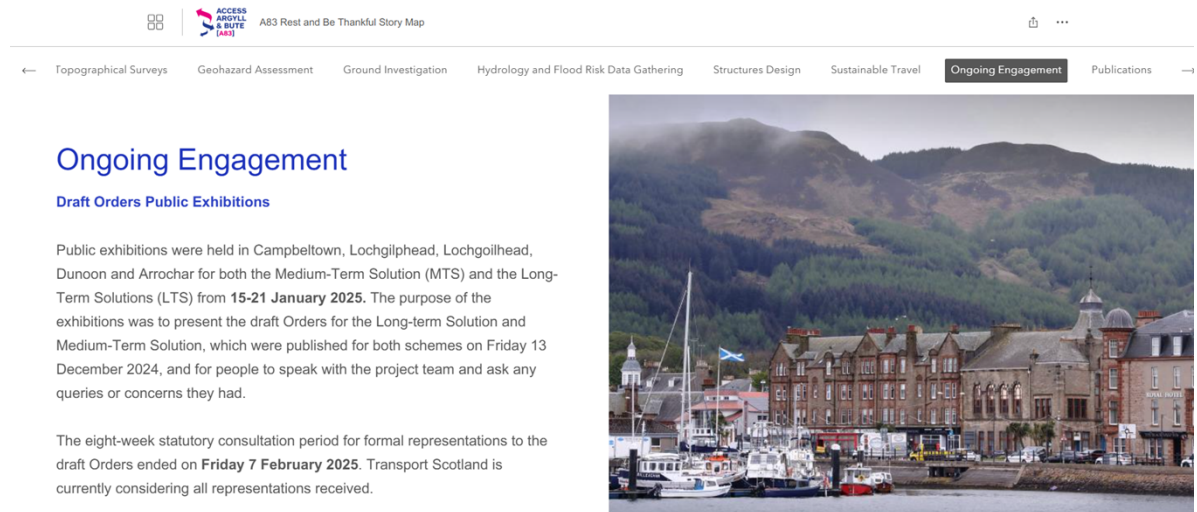
2.5. Information boards

- 2.5.1. A total of 20 A1 size information boards were on display at the public exhibitions. Boards were colour coded to represent the two separate schemes (MTS and LTS) and were displayed on either side of the venues to reflect this.
- 2.5.2. The content of the MTS information boards covered:
- Welcome information
 - Scheme objectives
 - Scheme assessment
 - Design development
 - Environmental impact assessment
 - Draft Orders and CPO
 - Construction
 - What happens next?
- 2.5.3. The content of the LTS information boards covered:
- Welcome information
 - Scheme objectives
 - Scheme assessment
 - Design development
 - Car park and sustainable travel
 - Environmental impact assessment
 - Draft Orders and CPO
 - Construction
 - What happens next?
- 2.5.4. The information boards displayed at the exhibition events are included in Appendix B of this report.

2.6. Story map

- 2.6.1. The A83 Story Map is Transport Scotland's dedicated scheme website which was set up to provide updates on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful project. It is used to promote engagement events and features all the exhibition materials.
- 2.6.2. Please refer to the [A83 Story Map](#). An extract of the Story Map engagement page is included in Figure 3.

Figure 3- Story Map engagement page



2.7. Visualisation

- 2.7.1. To support the public engagement events, three-dimensional fly-through visualisation videos of the proposed LTS and MTS schemes were displayed on large television monitors.
- 2.7.2. Both visualisations were also hosted on WSP's YouTube channel, the virtual exhibition rooms, and the A83 Story Map. As of the consultation end date, the MTS visualisation had been viewed 613 times and the LTS visualisation had been viewed 672 times.
- 2.7.3. Please refer to the MTS [visualisation](#) and LTS [visualisation](#).
- 2.7.4. Screenshots of the visualisations are shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5.

Figure 4- LTS visualisation



Figure 5- MTS visualisation



2.8. Promotion

Poster

- 2.8.1. An A4 colour poster was produced to promote the public exhibitions and the virtual exhibition rooms. The poster was distributed to community buildings and local shops in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Lochgoilhead, Dunoon and Arrochar. A copy of the poster and a list of poster recipients are included in Appendix C.

Advertisements

- 2.8.2. Advertisements were placed in local newspapers (in print and online) throughout the consultation period to advertise the public exhibitions. Adverts were placed in the following publications:

- Argyllshire Advertiser – Published Friday 13 December 2024
- Campbeltown Courier Display – Published Friday 13 December 2024
- Oban Times Display - Published Thursday 19 December 2024
- Oban Times - Published Thursday 9 January 2025
- Argyllshire Advertiser - Published Friday 10 January 2025
- Campbeltown Courier - Published Friday 10 January 2025
- Dunoon Observer - Published Friday 17 January 2025
- Isle of Bute News - Published Friday 17 January 2025

- 2.8.3. A copy of the advertisements are contained in Appendix D.

Social media

- 2.8.4. The public exhibitions and virtual exhibition rooms were promoted via Transport Scotland's social media channels. Information included the dates, locations and timings of the events and links to the A83 Story Map and virtual exhibition rooms. Copies of the social media posts are contained in Appendix E.

Emails

- 2.8.5. Emails were issued on 13 December 2024 to a wide list of stakeholders via the dedicated scheme email address A83@wsp.com to make them aware of the in-person public exhibitions and the virtual exhibition rooms. A further email was issued on 10 January 2025 as a reminder of the upcoming in-person events. These emails are contained in Appendix F.

3. Summary

3.1. Overview

- 3.1.1. A total of 330 people attended the five in-person public exhibition events which were held in Campbeltown, Lochgilphead, Lochgoilhead, Dunoon and Arrochar between 15 and 21 January 2025. This included attendance from stakeholders, the local community and road users.
- 3.1.2. Two virtual public exhibition rooms were available on the Transport Scotland website from 13 December 2024 to 10 February 2025. The virtual exhibition rooms received 1,865 unique (first time) views during the statutory consultation period, with the MTS room receiving more unique (first time) views than the LTS room.

3.2. Next steps

- 3.2.1. Transport Scotland has considered all formal representations received for the MTS and LTS as part of the statutory consultation and has responded directly to all respondents.
- 3.2.2. Transport Scotland will continue to engage with key stakeholders and communities affected by the issues at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful. Information will be shared with stakeholders and communities across Argyll and Bute as the scheme develops.

Appendix A. Draft Order Notices

This appendix features the cover letter templates sent with the MTS and LTS draft Orders to the viewing locations and the draft Order notice of determination published in local newspapers on Friday 13 December and Thursday 19 December 2024.

Cover letter template for MTS draft Orders

Transport Scotland
Design Administration
Major Projects
George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street,
Glasgow, G1 2AD
A83DraftOrders@transport.gov.scot



<FIRST NAME> <SURNAME>
<JOB TITLE>
<ORGANISATION NAME>
<COMPANY NUMBER>
<ADDRESS LINE 1>
<ADDRESS LINE 2>
< ADDRESS LINE 3>, 4, 5, 6, 7 ETC

Our ref:
A83/Display/MTS/<Contact
ID>

Date:
12 December 2024

Dear <TITLE> <SURNAME>,

ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947

- 1. THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) (TRUNKING) ORDER 202[]**
- 2. THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 202[]**
- 3. THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 202[]**
- 4. THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

The Scottish Ministers propose to make the above-mentioned Orders in connection with protecting and improving the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute by constructing emergency diversion lanes for the A83 Trunk Road by improving and widening the Old Military Road and constructing landslip protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road.

As discussed with our consultant, AtkinsRéalis WSP Joint Venture (AWJV), I would be grateful if you could arrange for the documents listed below to be made available at your location for inspection by the public without payment of fee **during normal opening hours from 13 December 2024 until 07 February 2025.**

- a. 1 copy of the above named Orders;
- b. 1 copy of each of the plans relating to the Orders;
- c. 1 copy of each of the Public Notices;
- d. 1 copy of The Compulsory Purchase of Land (Scotland) Regulations 2003;
- e. 1 copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report; and
- f. 1 copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

The draft Road Orders consist of A4 sized stapled packages and the draft Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) is A4 in size. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) consists of 4 volumes over 2 folders of which 1 is A4 in size and 1 is A3 in size.

A replenishment stock of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report Non-Technical Summary (NTS) is available on request. **We will arrange for the above documents to be uplifted after the end of the display period.**

Representatives from Transport Scotland and their consultants, AtkinsRéalis WSP JV (AWJV), will be in attendance at the following public exhibitions to answer any questions surrounding the scheme proposals.

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Date	Wednesday 15 January 2025
Open to Public	1pm to 7pm

Venue	Lochgilphead Bowling Club, Bank Park, Lochgilphead, PA31 8LN
Date	Thursday 16 January 2025
Open to Public	1pm to 7pm

Venue	Lochgoilhead Village Hall, 8 Hall Road, Lochgoilhead, Cairndow, PA24 8AQ
Date	Friday 17 January 2025
Open to Public	1pm to 6pm

Venue	The Queen's Hall, 9 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA23 7HH
Date	Monday 20 January 2025
Open to Public	1pm to 7pm

Venue	Three Villages Hall, Shore Road, Arrochar, G83 7AB
Date	Tuesday 21 January 2025
Open to Public	1pm to 7pm

The exhibition material for both schemes is available now to view from 13 December 2024 and can be accessed at the following link: pinpointcloud.co.uk/A83restandbethankful

I trust the above is satisfactory, however, should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the A83 Rest and Be Thankful Stakeholder Team at AWJV by Email: A83@WSP.com).

Yours <SIGN OFF> ,

**Major Projects
Project Administrator**

Please sign to confirm delivery of the display package.

Date	Name	Signature

Cover letter template for LTS draft Orders

Transport Scotland
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Glasgow, G1 2AD
A83DraftOrders@transport.gov.scot



<FIRST NAME> <SURNAME>
<JOB TITLE>
<ORGANISATION NAME>
<COMPANY NUMBER>
<ADDRESS LINE 1>
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< ADDRESS LINE 3>, 4, 5, 6, 7 ETC

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The Scottish Ministers propose to make the above-mentioned Orders in connection with protecting, and improving the resilience of, the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute, through the provision of a debris flow shelter, road upgrades, junction improvements, constructing landslip protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road and by establishing a temporary diversion route for the A83 Trunk Road by improving and widening the Old Military Road.

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Yours <SIGN OFF>,

**Major Projects
Project Administrator**

Please sign to confirm delivery of the display package.

Date	Name	Signature

Published notices of determination



Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba
gov.scot

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20C and 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) Project is a road improvement project and is a relevant project within the meaning of sections 20C and 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of Council Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ("the Directive"), and that having regard to –

- (a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely –
 - (i) the size and design of the whole project;
 - (ii) cumulation with other existing and/or approved projects;
 - (iii) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
 - (iv) the production of waste;
 - (v) pollution and nuisances;
 - (vi) the risk of major accidents and/or disasters which are relevant to the project concerned, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;
 - (vii) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
 - (viii) the existing and approved land use;
 - (ix) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground;
 - (x) wetlands, riparian areas;
 - (xi) mountain and forest areas;
 - (xii) nature reserves and parks;
 - (xiii) areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC;
 - (xiv) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance;
- (b) the results of the A83 Rest and Be Thankful EIA Scoping Report;
- (c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 13 December 2024, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/access-to-argyll-and-bute-a83/>, the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment. The main reasons for the conclusion that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required are that the project:
 - (i) is located wholly within the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park and partially located within the Beinn an Lochain Site of Special Scientific Interest;
 - (ii) has potential to result in significant impacts in relation to:
 - (a) Air Quality;
 - (b) Cultural Heritage;
 - (c) Landscape;
 - (d) Visual Effects;
 - (e) Biodiversity;
 - (f) Geology and Soils;
 - (g) Material Assets and Waste;
 - (h) Noise and Vibration;
 - (i) Population and Human Health;
 - (j) Effects on Climate;
 - (k) Climate Vulnerability;
 - (l) Road Drainage and the Water Environment;
 - (m) Major Accidents and Disasters;
 - (n) Cumulative Effects.

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION BY THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS UNDER SECTIONS 20C and 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) (A83 Diversion Lanes) Project is a road improvement project and is a relevant project within the meaning of sections 20C and 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, and falls within Annex II of Council Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment ("the Directive"), and that having regard to –

- (a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely –
 - (i) the size and design of the whole project;
 - (ii) cumulation with other existing and/or approved projects;
 - (iii) the use of natural resources;

(c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 13 December 2024, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/access-to-argyll-and-bute-a83/>, the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment. The main reasons for the conclusion that an Environmental Impact Assessment is required are that the project:

- (i) is located wholly within the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park;
- (ii) has potential to result in significant impacts in relation to Population and Human Health, Geology and Soils and Landscape and Visual.

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ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Scottish Ministers, as the relevant roads authority, are considering implementing a road improvement project in the County of Argyll and Bute known as:-

The A83 Trunk Road (Rest and Be Thankful) Project.

They intend to make The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) (Trunking) Order 2021] the general effect of which will be to direct that a temporary diversion route for the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute, provided by improving and widening the Old Military Road, will be trunk road.

They also intend to make The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) (Side Roads) Order 2021], the general effect of which will be to provide for the construction of new side roads; the improvement of certain existing roads to form new and improved connections in relation to the A83 Trunk Road; the stopping up of various existing roads and private accesses; and the provision of certain new means of access.

They will also construct a debris flow shelter, road upgrades, junction improvements, and landscape protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road.

The Scottish Ministers give notice that the project is subject to the environmental impact assessment procedure prescribed by sections 20CA and 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and the Council on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (which was amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council), and they have therefore prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report may be inspected, free of charge, during normal opening hours from 13 December 2024 to 07 February 2025 at:

Transport Scotland, George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD
Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, G83 7AB
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Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report can also be obtained from Transport Scotland, George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD at a charge of £150 for a hard copy. Requests for further information about the project may be sent to the same address.

A copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report is also available for inspection on Transport Scotland's website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/access-to-argyll-and-bute-a83/>

Any person wishing to make any representations about the project and the Environmental Impact Assessment Report may do so in writing to the Director of Major Projects, Transport Scotland, George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD. Any such representations must be received on or before 07 February 2025.

The Scottish Ministers will take into consideration any representations so made before deciding whether or not to proceed with the project with or without modifications.

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ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL)

(A83 DIVERSION LANES)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT

They also intend to make The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) (A83 Diversion Lanes) (Side Roads) Order 2021], the general effect of which will be to stop up various private accesses and allow for the provision of certain new means of access.

They will also construct landscape protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road.

The Scottish Ministers give notice that the project is subject to the environmental impact assessment procedure prescribed by sections 20C and 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and the Council on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (which was amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council), and they have therefore prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

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ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (TRUNKING)

ORDER 2021]

THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (SIDE ROADS)

ORDER 2021]

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that they propose to make the following Orders in connection with protecting, and improving the resilience of, the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute, through the provision of a debris flow shelter, road upgrades, junction improvements, constructing landscape protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road and by establishing a temporary diversion route for the A83 Trunk Road by improving and widening the Old Military Road:-

- a. an Order under section 5(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to direct that a temporary diversion route for the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute provided, by improving and widening the Old Military Road, will be trunk road; and
- b. an Order under sections 12(1) and (5) and 70(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to provide for the construction of new side roads; the improvement of certain existing roads to form new and improved connections in relation to the A83 Trunk Road; the stopping up of various existing roads and private accesses; and the provision of certain new means of access.

Copies of the Orders and relative plans may be inspected, free of charge, during normal opening hours from 13 December 2024 to 07 February 2025 at:

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- (iv) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
 - (v) the existing and approved land use;
 - (vi) the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil and land) in the area and its underground;
 - (vii) wetlands and riparian areas;
 - (viii) mountain and forest areas;
 - (ix) nature reserves and parks;
- (b) the results of the A83 Rest and be Thankful MTS Screening/ Scoping Report.

The Scottish Ministers, as the relevant roads authority, are considering implementing a road improvement project in the County of Argyll & Bute known as:-
The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) (A83 Diversion Lanes) Project.
They intend to make The A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and be Thankful) (A83 Diversion Lanes) (Trunking) Order 202[] the general effect of which will be to direct that emergency diversion lanes for the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute, provided by improving and widening the Old Military Road, will be trunk road.

Any person may object to the making of these Orders by notice in writing to the Director of Major Projects, Transport Scotland, George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD, stating the title of the Order, the objector's names and address and the grounds of objection. Any such notice must be received on or before 07 February 2025.

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ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984
THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) (TRUNKING) ORDER 202[]
THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) (A83 DIVERSION LANES) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 202[]

The Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that they propose to make the following Orders in connection with protecting and improving the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll & Bute by constructing emergency diversion lanes for the A83 Trunk Road, by improving and widening the Old Military Road, and constructing landslip protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road:-
a. an Order under section 5(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to direct that emergency diversion lanes for the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute, provided by improving and widening the Old Military Road, will be trunk road; and

- b. an Order under sections 12(1) and 70(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to provide for the stopping up of various private accesses; and the provision of certain new means of access.
- Copies of the Orders and relative plans may be inspected, free of charge, during normal opening hours from 13 December 2024 to 07 February 2025 at:-
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ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947
THE A83 TRUNK ROAD, (REST AND BE THANKFUL) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by the above mentioned Acts, on the Thirteenth day of December Two Thousand and Twenty Four prepared the above mentioned draft Compulsory Purchase Order authorising them to purchase compulsorily the land described in the Schedule hereto, for the purpose of protecting and improving the resilience of, the A83 Trunk Road at Rest and Be Thankful, Argyll and Bute, through the provision of a debris flow shelter, road upgrades, junction improvements, constructing landslip protection measures above and below the A83 Trunk Road and by establishing a temporary diversion route for the A83 Trunk Road by improving and widening the Old Military Road.

The Order is about to be made and comes into operation only if made. If the Order is made, a conveyance registered in implement of the Order may vary or extinguish rights to enforce real burdens and servitudes affecting the land.

A copy of the Order and of the map referred to therein may be inspected, free of charge, during normal opening hours from 13 December 2024 to 07 February 2025 at:-

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115	Land consisting of scrubland and the bed and banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
116	Land consisting of scrubland and hardcore standing area lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
117	Land consisting of scrubland and the bed and banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
118	Land consisting of scrubland and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
119	Land consisting of scrubland and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
201	Land consisting of rough grazing, scrubland and the bed and banks of the unnamed burn lying to the south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
202	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Old Military Road lying to the east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
203	Land consisting of rough grazing, scrubland, bund and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.

235 & 238	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Glenmore Road (B82B) lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north, north-west of Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
236	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the A83 Trunk Road lying to the north, north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north, north-west of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
237	Land consisting of scrubland lying to the north, north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
240	Land consisting of the layby of the A83 Trunk Road lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north, north-west of Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
241	Land consisting of scrubland and the beds and the banks of unnamed burns lying to the east, south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
242	Land consisting of scrubland, the beds and the banks of unnamed burns, and rock faces lying to the east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
243	Land consisting of scrubland and the beds and the banks of unnamed burns lying to the east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
244	Land consisting of scrubland and the beds and the banks of unnamed burns lying to the north of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
246	Land consisting of the verge of the A83 Trunk Road lying to the north, north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.

title of the Order and the grounds of objection to the Director of Major Projects, Transport Scotland, George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD by 07 February 2025.

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The plot references and areas referred to below correspond to those given in the schedule and plan annexed to 'A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021'

PLOT No.	Land in the County of Argyll and Bute
101	Land consisting of rough grazing, scrubland, private access track, the bed and banks of the Croe Water and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
102	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Old Military Road lying to the north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
103	Land consisting of rough grazing, scrubland, private access track, outbuilding, sheep fank, bund, the bed and banks of the Croe Water and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
104	Land consisting of the solum and verge of the A83 Trunk Road and Cobbler Bridge lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
105	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the A83 Trunk Road, Cobbler Bridge, and the beds and the banks of the Croe Water lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
106	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the A83 Trunk Road, Cobbler Bridge, and the beds and the banks of the Croe Water lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
107	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the A83 Trunk Road lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
108	Land consisting of scrubland, rough grazing, and the beds and banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
109	Land consisting of scrubland, the bank of Croe Water and Cobbler Bridge piers and footings lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.

205	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the A83 Trunk Road lying to the east, north-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
206	Land consisting of rough grazing, scrubland, private access track and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the east, south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
207 & 208	Land consisting of hard standing and verge of the Old Military Road lying to the south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
212 & 214	Land consisting of scrubland and rough grazing lying to the east, south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
219	Land consisting of private access track lying to the east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
220	Land consisting of scrubland, rough grazing and the bed and banks of unnamed burns lying to the north of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
222	Land consisting of scrubland, rough grazing, and the beds and the banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
224	Land consisting of scrubland, rough grazing, and the beds and the banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north, north-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
226	Land consisting of scrubland, rough grazing, and rock faces, and the beds and the banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north, north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
229	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Old Military Road lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south, south-east of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
230	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Old Military Road lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
231	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Old Military Road lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south-west of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
232	Land consisting of scrubland, hardstanding, bus stop and turning area lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and west of the

Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.	
247	Land consisting of scrubland and rock faces lying to the north, north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.
251	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Glenmore Road (B82B) lying to the west, north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and south, south-west of the Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.

ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1947
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2. The plot references and areas referred to below correspond to those given in the schedule and plan annexed to 'A83 Trunk Road, (Rest and Be Thankful) (A83 Diversion Lanes) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021'

Arrochar.		Rest and be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.		Plot No. Land in the County of Argyll and Bute	
110	Land consisting of scrubland, disused quarry, hardstanding and the beds and banks of an unnamed burn lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and east, south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.	233	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Glenmore Road (B828) lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and west, south-west of the Rest and be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.	101	Land consisting of rough grazing, scrubland, private access track, the bed and banks of the Croe Water and the bed and banks of unnamed burns and lying to the north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.
114	Land consisting of hardstanding and access road lying to the north, north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.	234	Land consisting of scrubland lying to the north-west of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar and north-west of Rest and Be Thankful Car Park, Arrochar.	102	Land consisting of the solum and verges of the Old Military Road lying to the north-west of Roadmans Cottage, Arrochar and south-east of High Glen Croe Cottage, Arrochar.

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Appendix B. Exhibition boards

This appendix features copies of the A1 information boards.

Information Board - Medium-Term Solution

A83 Rest and Be Thankful

MEDIUM-TERM SOLUTION

Draft Orders Public Exhibitions



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Information Board – Medium-Term Solution Welcome Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Welcome

Welcome to this public exhibition for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution (MTS) scheme.

Transport Scotland is committed to an infrastructure solution to address landslip risks at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful and shares the urgency communities and businesses place on maintaining and improving the connectivity of this vital route.

In March 2024, public engagement events were held to give local communities and road users an update on the progress towards delivering the MTS.

This public exhibition presents the draft Orders, including the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), and the Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed MTS scheme, and explains the statutory process that is being followed.

Information on the following boards includes details on the MTS scheme. Separate boards (available at this public exhibition) provide information regarding the Long-Term Solution (LTS).

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View of Glen Croe looking southeast towards The Cobbler



Information Board – Medium-Term Solution Scheme Objectives Board


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Scheme objectives


In addition to the development of a permanent LTS to address the landslip and debris flow risk to the A83 Trunk Road, MTS interventions are proposed to the existing Old Military Road (OMR) which runs in parallel to the A83 Trunk Road.

The MTS will deliver a safe, proportionate and more resilient diversion route along the OMR when the A83 is closed, reducing the likelihood of long diversions. The interventions will also reduce disruption to road users during the construction of the LTS (Debris Flow Shelter (DFS)).

The MTS scheme objectives are to:

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Increase resilience of a temporary diversion route by reducing the likelihood of closure due to landslides, flooding, or other incidents;
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Maximise the operational benefits of a temporary diversion route, for all vehicles, by providing a route that achieves a proportionate balance of time to implement, cost and impact; and
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Reduce the likelihood of accidents on a temporary diversion route.



Information Board - Medium-Term Solution Scheme Assessment Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Scheme assessment

The development and assessment process considered a range of options within Glen Croe. These included options on or close to the existing OMR as well as options located completely offline. Alternative options also considered the southern slopes of Glen Croe including upgrading the existing forestry track.

Following the conclusion of the medium-term option assessment in December 2022, the then Minister for Transport announced the preferred option for the MTS as interventions to the OMR.

The subsequent MTS scheme assessment has followed a proportionate equivalent level of assessment to that required at Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Stage 3. This includes the following considerations:

- Topography and alignment
- Geology and geomorphology
- Structures
- Drainage and flooding
- Constructability
- Environmental
- Need for third party land
- Safety
- Operation
- Traffic and economics
- Construction timeline
- Programme to procurement



Information Board - Medium-Term Solution Design Development Board

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Design development

The Proposed Scheme aims to deliver a safe, proportionate and more resilient diversion route along the OMR when the A83 Trunk Road is closed due to landslip and debris flow risk. Once the MTS has been implemented, average journey times along the OMR diversion route are anticipated to reduce by one third (approximately ten minutes).

The proposed interventions to the OMR introduce a number of targeted and discrete improvements to help achieve the scheme objectives. These include:

- Widening of the existing single-track OMR over a length of 1.4km to provide a total two-way carriageway length of 2.1km;
- Targeted widening at three sharp bends and Bridge B (shown below) at the northern end of Glen Croe to aid movement for larger vehicles;
- Installation of a new proprietary structure at Croe Water to facilitate two-way operation;
- Improved drainage throughout the widening works;
- Improved access provisions for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders;
- New earthworks bunds and extension of the existing HESCO barrier by approximately 150m; and
- Improvement of 19 existing culverts and installation of two new culverts.



Information Board - Medium-Term Solution Environmental Impact Assessment Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Environmental impact assessment

The Environmental Impact Assessment process has been integral to the design of the MTS, and it has explored opportunities to avoid or mitigate potential impacts on the surrounding environment.

A range of measures have been incorporated into the design of the MTS to prevent, reduce or offset significant adverse effects. Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the MTS are available to view here today. Key considerations include:

- The location of the MTS within the boundaries of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park and the potential for impacts to the Special Landscape Qualities;
- Designing the MTS to account for sensitive surface water features and the presence of protected species;
- Impacts to walkers, cyclists and horse-riders during the construction and operation of the MTS;
- Impacts to the operation of agricultural holdings; and
- The potential for biodiversity net gain and natural capital enhancements.



Information Board - Medium-Term Solution Draft Orders and CPO Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Draft Orders and CPO

The draft Orders and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the MTS scheme are available to view here today. These are statutory documents that define the line of the road, associated works and the land to be acquired for the Proposed Scheme.

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Please speak to a member of Transport Scotland or AWJV if you have any questions.



Information Board - Medium-Term Solution Construction Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Construction

Construction of the MTS scheme can only start following completion of the statutory process and the timetable for construction will be determined at that stage. The construction works are currently expected to take approximately one year to complete, weather depending.

Key considerations of the construction process are as follows:

- Construction will be focused on the OMR with minimal impact to the A83 Trunk Road.
- Works will be phased to minimise the overall construction duration.
- Where possible, works will be undertaken such that construction activities can temporarily cease at short notice should mobilisation of the OMR as an emergency diversion route be required.
- Movement of construction plant and materials to the OMR and above the A83 will be planned to minimise disruption.
- Traffic management measures and speed restrictions may be implemented for the safety of construction workers and road users.
- Minimising disruption to the travelling public and affected parties.

The construction work for Phase 1 of the MTS, to construct a new southern link road between the A83 and OMR, was completed in Spring 2024. In addition, MTS works to install debris catch fences above the A83 will be taken forward as a separate construction package on the basis that these works are located on land already owned by Scottish Ministers.

Further consultation with key stakeholders such as Argyll & Bute Council and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park will be undertaken in the development of the construction stage contract and during the construction period.



Information Board – Medium-Term Solution What Happens Next Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Medium-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

What happens next?

The draft Orders including the draft CPO and EIA for the MTS scheme were published on 13 December 2024. This marked the start of the statutory process and the formal, eight-week consultation period.

Representations to the draft Orders and EIA, including objections, can be made to Transport Scotland during this formal consultation period which closes on 7 February 2025.

Should there be objections to the draft Orders and EIA which cannot be resolved, there may be the need to hold a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) before the scheme can proceed. Progress after this formal consultation period will depend on the representations received on the draft Orders and EIA.



Visualisation of OMR interventions, including the extension of two-way widening, earthworks bund and the extension of the HESCO barrier

Formal representations for the MTS scheme should be submitted in writing to:

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Information Board - Long-Term Solution

A83 Rest and Be Thankful

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Information Board – Long-Term Solution Welcome Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Long-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Welcome

Welcome to this public exhibition for the **A83 Rest and Be Thankful Long-Term Solution (LTS)** scheme.

Transport Scotland is committed to an infrastructure solution to address landslip risks at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful and shares the urgency communities and businesses place on maintaining and improving the connectivity of this vital route.

In March 2024, public engagement events were held to give local communities and road users an update on the design development for the LTS.

This public exhibition presents the draft Orders including the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed LTS scheme and explains the statutory process that is being followed.

Information on the following boards includes details on the LTS scheme. Separate boards (also available at this public exhibition) give information regarding the Medium-Term Solution (MTS).

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View of Glen Croe looking east towards The Cobbler



Information Board – Long-Term Solution Scheme Objectives Board


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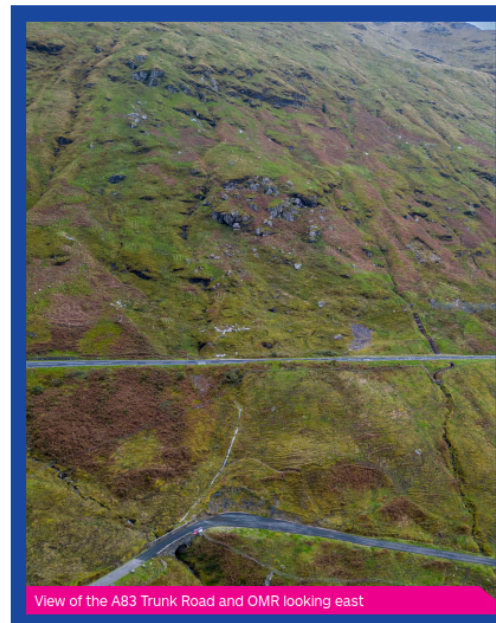
Scheme objectives

The A83 Trunk Road is a vital lifeline for rural communities in Argyll and Bute, being essential for transport, regional and national economic trade. In recent years the increase in landslides and debris flow hazards have resulted in closures of the A83 and increased the use of the Old Military Road (OMR) diversion route. Hence, there is the need for a long-term, permanent solution to safeguard the A83 by ensuring safe and reliable access for future generations.

The following scheme objectives have been set, in consultation with stakeholders, to address the main issues encountered at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

The LTS scheme objectives are:

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Resilience
 Reduce the impact of disruption for travel to, from and between key towns within Argyll and Bute, and for communities accessed via the strategic road network
- 
Safety
 Positively contribute towards the Scottish Government's Vision Zero road safety target by reducing accidents on the road network and their severity
- 
Economy
 Reduce geographic and economic inequalities within Argyll and Bute through improved connectivity and resilience
- 
Sustainable travel
 Encourage sustainable travel to, from and within Argyll and Bute through facilitating bus, active travel and sustainable travel choices
- 
Environment
 Protect the environment, including the benefits local communities and visitors obtain from the natural environment by enhancing natural capital assets and ecosystem service provision through delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure



Information Board – Long-Term Solution Scheme Assessment Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Long-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

Scheme assessment

Transport Scotland carries out a rigorous assessment process to establish the preferred option for a trunk road improvement scheme.

Work is being undertaken in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) which is used to develop and assess road projects. This is considered standard good practice and is used throughout the UK.

This is a three-stage assessment process that considers engineering, environmental, traffic and economic considerations. Throughout the assessment process, consultation is carried out with a large number of stakeholders and interested groups.

- The DMRB Stage 1 Assessment for the scheme was completed in 2021, which identified the preferred corridor and five potential route options to take forward to DMRB Stage 2.
- The DMRB Stage 2 Assessment compared five different options and identified the preferred option as the Debris Flow Shelter (DFS) and catch pit in June 2023.
- The DMRB Stage 3 Assessment undertook further design development work on the preferred route option which has now been concluded.

Following consultation with landowners, local communities, residents, stakeholders and other interested parties, the design has now been developed so the statutory process can commence.



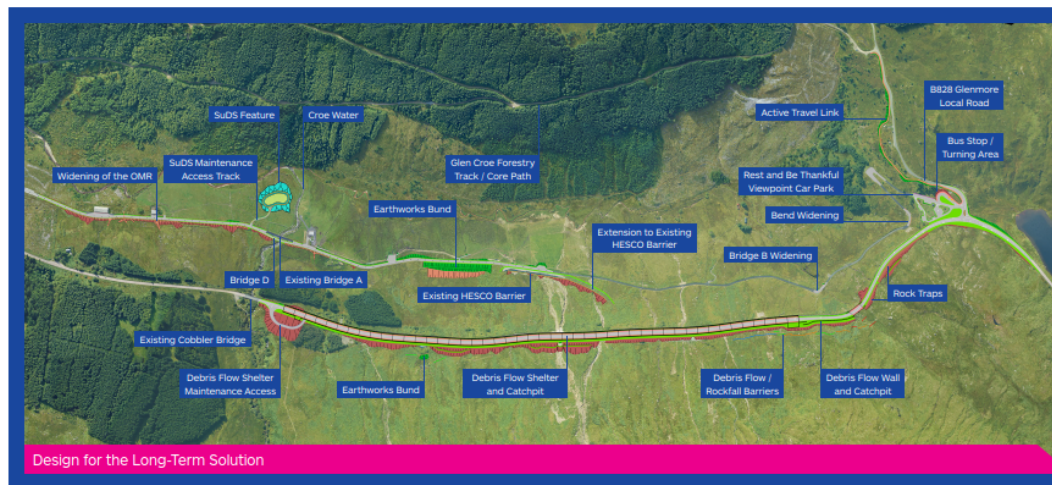
Information Board – Long-Term Solution Design Development Board 1

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Design development

Following the conclusion of the DMRB Stage 2 Options Assessment, the DFS and adjacent catch pit were selected as the preferred option. This option achieves the scheme objectives of improving resilience and operational safety of the trunk road network, whilst having the greatest potential to be delivered quickly and providing the greatest opportunity to encourage sustainable travel.

The preferred route is generally located along the line of the existing A83, starting at the Croe Water and ending north of the junction with the B828 Glenmore local road.



Information Board – Long-Term Solution Design Development Board 2

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Design development

To protect users from debris flows and landslides, the DFS structure will be provided to cover the part of the A83 Trunk Road considered most at risk from the Beinn Luibhean slope. It will feature a roof over the road, supported by a robust protection wall towards the hill and a series of columns on the valley side to maintain an open aspect to Glen Croe. Behind the protection wall there will be a catch pit, designed to channel land slip material and rock fall, allowing it to be removed safely and efficiently without impacting the road users on the A83 Trunk Road or the slopes below the A83.

The LTS scheme includes the following:

- 2.4km of single carriageway improvements;
- A 1.4km debris flow shelter structure and catch pit;
- A 146m retaining wall and catch pit;
- Watercourse realignments, channel improvement works and culverts;
- Drainage works including sustainable drainage systems (SuDS);
- Upgrades to the B828 junction with the A83;
- Upgrades to the Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint Car Park and bus stop or turning area; and
- A 560m active travel link along the B828 from the Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint Car Park.

In addition, the LTS scheme also encompasses the following OMR interventions:

- Widening of the existing single-track OMR over a length of 1.4km to provide a total two-way carriageway length of 2.1km;
- Targeted widening at three sharp bends and Bridge B to the northern end of Glen Croe to aid movement for larger vehicles;
- Installation of a new proprietary structure at Croe Water to facilitate two-way operation;
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Information Board – Long-Term Solution Car Park and Sustainable Travel Board

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Car park and sustainable travel

As part of the Proposed Scheme the layout of the Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint Car Park and bus stop has been redesigned with consideration for a number of potential features. An active travel link has also been developed to link the Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint Car Park to the Glen Croe forestry tracks to the west of the OMR on the lower slopes of Ben Donich.

Potential features may include:

- Stone retaining walls
- Rest and Be Thankful commemorative stone with circular seating
- Social picnic benches
- Motorsport heritage interpretation
- Reclining benches
- Active travel route
- Bus stop
- Food van station
- EV charging points
- Cycle parking



Information Board – Long-Term Solution EIA Board

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Environmental impact assessment

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A range of measures have been incorporated into the design of the LTS to prevent, reduce or offset significant adverse effects. Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EiAR) for the LTS are available to view here today. Key considerations include:

- The location of the LTS within the boundaries of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park and the potential for impacts to the Special Landscape Qualities;
- The presence of habitats for protected species including otters, bats, badgers, and protected birds;
- Impacts to the Beinn an Lochain Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI);
- Environmentally sensitive surface water features including Croe Water;
- Cultural heritage assets including the C-Listed Rest and Be Thankful stone;
- Impacts to walkers, cyclists and horse-riders during the construction and operation of the LTS;
- Impacts to the operation of agricultural holdings;
- Impacts to the Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint Car Park; and
- The potential for biodiversity net gain and natural capital enhancements.



Croe Water



Rest and Be Thankful stone



Information Board – Long-Term Solution Draft Orders and CPO Board

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Information Board – Long-Term Solution Construction Board

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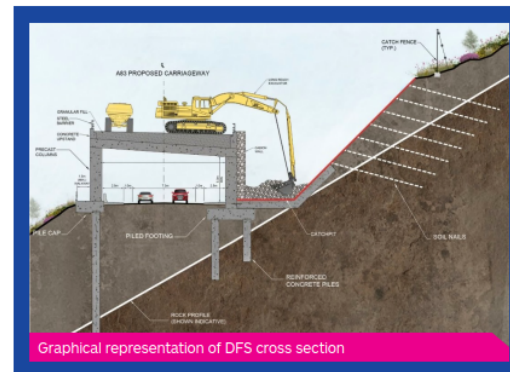
Construction

Construction of the LTS scheme can only start following completion of the statutory process and the timetable for construction will be determined at that stage. The duration of the LTS construction works are expected to take approximately three to four years to complete with one further year for the OMR interventions.

Key construction features will include:

- Construction of the OMR interventions will be undertaken first with minimal impact to the A83 Trunk Road;
- Construction of the LTS scheme will generally be achieved by working on the existing A83 Trunk Road;
- Temporary traffic management will include traffic light operation and potentially considerable periods of full closures of the A83 where the OMR will be required to be in operation extensively during the construction period;
- Movement of construction plant and materials will be planned to minimise disruption;
- For the safety of construction workers and road users, speed restrictions may be implemented to facilitate the construction works; and
- Minimising disruption to the travelling public and affected parties.

Further consultation with key stakeholders such as Argyll & Bute Council and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park will be undertaken in the development of the construction stage contract and during the construction period.



Information Board – Long-Term Solution What Happens Next Board

A83 Rest and Be Thankful Long-Term Solution: Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

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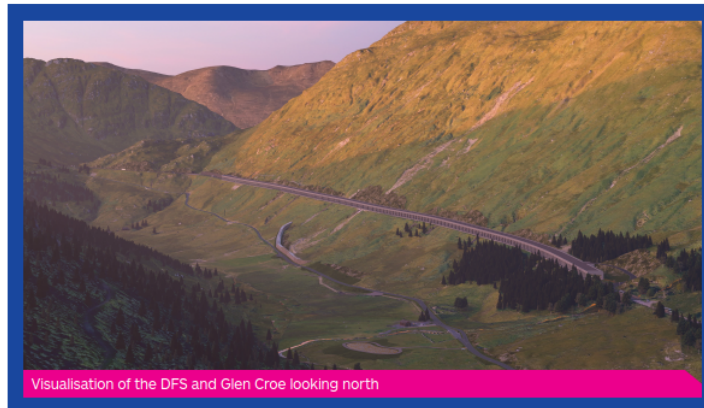
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Visualisation of the DFS and Glen Croe looking north

i For further information on the A83 Rest and be Thankful LTS scheme, please visit the Transport Scotland website at: transport.gov.scot/projects/access-to-argyll-and-bute-a83



Appendix C. Poster and recipients

This appendix features the A4 colour poster, covering letter and the list of recipients it was distributed to.

A83 Rest and Be Thankful



DRAFT ORDERS PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS



Public exhibitions are being held from **15-21 January 2025** to provide local communities and road users the opportunity to view and comment on the draft Orders, Compulsory Purchase Orders and Environmental Impact Assessments for both the **Medium and Long-Term Solutions for the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful**.

Transport Scotland staff and their technical advisers AtkinsRéalis WSP Joint Venture (AWJV) will be available to answer any questions on the proposals for both the Medium and Long-Term Solutions.

The exhibition material for both schemes is available now to view and can be accessed by scanning this QR code or at the following link:

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For more information email: a83@wsp.com



Details of the public exhibitions are as follows:

Wednesday 15 January 2025 (1pm to 7pm)

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Campbeltown, PA28 6EG

Thursday 16 January 2025 (1pm to 7pm)

Lochgilphead Bowling Club,
Bank Park, Lochgilphead, PA31 8LN

Friday 17 January 2025 (1pm to 6pm)

Lochgoilhead Village Hall, 8 Hall Road,
Lochgoilhead, Cairndow, PA24 8AQ

Monday 20 January 2025 (1pm to 7pm)

The Queen's Hall, 9 Argyll Street,
Dunoon, PA23 7HH

Tuesday 21 January 2025 (1pm to 7pm)

Three Villages Hall, Shore Road,
Arrochar, G83 7AB



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To whom it may concern,

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – Draft Orders Public Exhibitions

The Scottish Government signalled its ongoing commitment to tackle the landslide issues at the A83 Rest and Be Thankful by publishing draft Orders on Friday 13 December 2024 for both the Long-Term Solution, including the proposed Debris Flow Shelter, and the Medium-Term Solution which delivers further improvements to the Old Military Road to increase its resilience.

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Please note these are two standalone schemes and should be considered separately when providing formal representations.

We wish to ensure the local community has a chance to find out more and would be grateful if you could help promote these events by publicising the enclosed poster in your community venue.

Further information on the schemes can be found on the Transport Scotland website:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/access-to-argyll-and-bute-a83/>

Many thanks,

AtkinsRéalis WSP Joint Venture (AWJV) Stakeholder Team

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Appendix D. Advertisements

This appendix features the advertisement that was produced to promote the public exhibitions along with copies of the advertisements as they appeared in each of the local newspapers, in print and online.

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NEWS 9

Warning fired ahead of setting of new council tax

Extra funding being made available could help Argyll and Bute Council with a projected £6.4 million budget gap in the mid-range scenario. But councillors must be mindful of financial gaps when setting council tax for 2025/26 in Argyll and Bute, an official has warned. Executive director Kirsty Flanagan was speaking after the leader of the authority's opposition group questioned whether there was a need for

a double figure percentage council tax rise. Earlier this year, when setting the budget for 2024-25, councillors had voted for a 10 per cent rise in council tax - but it was then scrapped two months later after extra funding was secured to freeze council tax rates. Shetland Islands Council has recently started a survey on a 10 per cent rise, while the possibility has also been raised in Perth and Kinross.

No cap on council tax was implemented as part of the Scottish Government's budget when it was set on Wednesday December 4. Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Conservative, Helensburgh Central) said: "What



Councillor Gary Mulvaney - 'What seems like Santa today could be the Grinch tomorrow.'

seems like Santa today could be the Grinch tomorrow." The discussion took place at a meeting of the council's policy and resources committee on Thursday December 5.

Ms Flanagan had previously said that extra funding being made available to local government could help Argyll and Bute Council with a projected £6.4 million budget gap in the

mid-range scenario. Councillor Mulvaney said: "We saw the announcement yesterday and Ms Flanagan is right to say that the devil is in the detail. "The thing probably interesting me the most was about the extra £1 billion. "We just need to see how that works. "The cabinet secretary's [for finance, Shona Robison] view is also that this should not mean large increases in council tax. "I wondered where Ms Flanagan sees that, because we have built in five per cent just now [in the mid-range budget scenario]. "There was discussion about potentially having double figure council tax rises in some local authorities, but does Ms Flanagan feel the need for higher rises has receded?"

Ms Flanagan responded: "Council tax is for members to consider how they would set it. "There is no cap now, as the cabinet secretary announced. "She is not looking for significant increases and the inference, as we understand it, is that we don't think we should be looking for double digits. "But the cap has been removed, and the budget gap over a five-year period [in the mid-range scenario] is £27m. "While we might have had a bit of a Christmas present, there is a significant gap in future years, and members must be mindful of that when setting the council tax level. "We are also considering the building of a new school on Mull, and that will have a considerable cost and is not factored into the budget outlook as it is."

Argyll and Bute Council set for £5m windfall from Scottish Government

Argyll and Bute Council could receive around £5 million extra funding from the Scottish Government, a local authority officer has said. Kirsty Flanagan was speaking after additional funding for local government was confirmed by finance secretary Shona Robison in the Scottish Government's budget. But Ms Flanagan also warned "the devil is in the detail", although she added that the financial outlook for the council could be better than was forecast. She was speaking at a meeting of the council's policy and resources committee on Thursday December 5. Ms Flanagan said: "We have not got our individual allocations and do not expect them until next Thursday, but there are some positives to come from the budget

announcement. "You may have heard there is £1 billion more funding for local government. Some of it comes with conditions attached. "There appears to be £289m of additional funding coming with no strings attached, so that is very welcome, but sometimes the devil is in the detail. "That would equate to around £5m additional funding for us, and we were estimated to have a reduction, so if there is an increase that will be helpful. "There is also good news on the ferry specific grant. Last year we got no increase and are currently overspending to continue with our own ferry service. "But we put in a request to

get it increased from £1.8m to £2.8m and that has now been confirmed." Ms Flanagan added: "There are some things like the floor adjustment and public sector pay. There has also been some talk about national insurance. "The Scottish Government will not know the funding for that, but they believe it will not be fully funded by the UK Government. "We need to consider that, but overall, it is a more positive position than what everybody was thinking."



Additional funding for local government was confirmed by finance secretary Shona Robison in the Scottish Government's budget.

Check your festive bin collections

Householders across Argyll and Bute are urged to check for bin collection changes over Christmas. There will be some changes during the festive period, says Argyll and Bute Council. To find out, visit www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/festive-bin-arrangements. "If you have neighbours you think might be unaware of the changes, please let them know," said a council spokesperson. Recycling and civic amenity sites in the area will be closed on December 25 and December 26 and January 1 and January 2. There are things you can do to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill over this busy time. As usual, you can place paper, card, cans and plastic bottles, tubs, pots and trays, and clean aluminium foil in your recycling bins or bags. Please remember to rinse out the cans and plastics first. Many types of Christmas paper and cards can also be recycled. Unfortunately, anything covered in glitter or foil-based paper cannot go in your recycling bin. If you want to check if the paper is foil, scrunch the paper up. If it springs back, then please put it in the general waste bin. You can also find out more about recycling at Christmas, at zerowastescotland.org.uk.

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2014: These flute players were among 25 Castlehill primary musicians who performed at the school's craft fayre and concert.

FROM OUR FILES

TEN YEARS AGO Friday December 12, 2014 Councillors agree on Dalintober Pier transfer

Dalintober pier is set to become a community asset, but it is "highly unlikely" that funds will be allocated to the community if the property is transferred.

Dalintober Pier Restoration Group has asked Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay (MAKI) area committee to transfer the Argyll and Bute Council asset on Campbeltown Loch to the group.

While MAKI councillors were unanimous in their support for the project, it was clear that differences arose when it came to helping the group out with cash.

Councillor Donald Kelly wanted to allocate funding to the group, but area chairman Rory Colville said it was a matter for the policy and resources committee to decide.

Councillor Sandy Taylor suggested the money could come from the council's CHORD waterfront redevelopment funding.

The committee was told by officials there was a difficulty in allocating cash along with an asset transfer. The group has asked for £35,000 to re-establish the pier.

VisitScotland's marine expert, David Adams McGilp called the plans for Dalintober, "an opportunity".

He said: "I can foresee a time when tired

crews will be delighted to make a landfall at Dalintober, especially if there is no capacity at the marina.

"I would also urge the Dalintober folk to think about other users and how their requirements could be built into any capital works associated with their proposals – parking, visitor information, slipway.

"If they think about this very carefully they could develop a suite of complementary facilities and appeal to certain sectors, users and markets that the marina might not necessarily be able to."

The project, if it gets the go-ahead, will see the pier, built in 1756, developed for tourism attractions at the top of the loch.

Weather bomb storm

Wind, rain and "phenomenal" waves were battering Kintyre as the Courier went to press.

The storm, set to last three days, is known as a weather bomb or an explosive cyclogenesis. This is when a storm intensifies as the pressure at its centre drops rapidly, by more than 24 millibars in 24 hours.

The "bomb" brought strong winds, hail stones, snow and thunder and lightning overnight on Tuesday.

Some areas had power cuts in the days leading up to the storm and during the storm itself, but police were reporting no major incidents.

Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) said it was on yellow alert and was anticipating power cuts.

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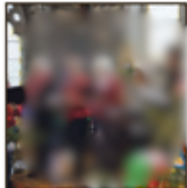
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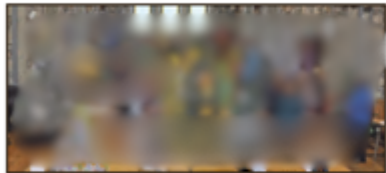
The winning tree from Ulva Primary



The Wee Church Choir's show-stopping performance.



A build your own ornaments Lego tree was a popular attraction.



Salen church was packed for the festival.



Salen Pre Schooler Amecia Wright with the tree she made at school.

Tree-riffic return for Mull Christmas Tree Festival

After 10 years in the cold, Mull's Christmas Tree Festival made a grand return this year at Salen and Ulva Parish Church, writes Owen Wild.

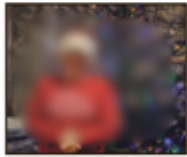
With 39 creative entries and more than 350 visitors, the decade-long absence had no negative impact whatsoever on the festival's success.

The three-day event raised more than £400 for the Mull and Iona Church.

Musical performances came from the Mull Gaelic Choir, Ulva Primary School, Wee Church Choir and more, and ornament crafting was also on offer for entertainment.

Mull's tree festival was inspired by the classic event hosted at St Conan's Kirk, and was organised by Donna Dugdale and Helen MacInnes with help from church volunteers.

Donna said: "I'd never even heard of a Christmas tree festival, I just went to St Conan's last year by chance, but it was amazing and so magical."



Donna Dugdale, organiser of the Salen Christmas Tree Festival.

"I started thinking, 'I'd love to do that on Mull' but it was too close to Christmas last year."

"Then about a week later I got a message from Helen who was at a different Christmas tree festival saying 'look how amazing this is, we should do this'. I didn't know how many would enter, but it's exceeded my expectations."

"Everyone has been so creative with their entries, I'm hoping to see even more next year."

After 352 votes were counted (including multiple spoiled ballots) the winner by a single point was announced as Ulva Primary School for their beach-themed creation.

The tree was created by the 10 children of Ulva Primary from shells and rope they collected and painted, glued onto a pallet fashioned into a tree.

All the materials, including the lights, were already in the school's possession.

Teacher Mairi Nicolson said: "The children will be absolutely delighted to find out they won." In second was Isle of Mull RDA with a welded horse shoe tree, and joint third was Cobwebs and Salen pre-5.

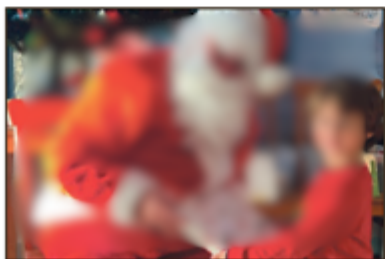
Other standouts included the event's own Lego Tree, the Salen Spar's 'tree of Christmas past' guessing game which tasked visitors with guessing staff members from their baby photographs, and the Mull Brownies' tree fashioned out of their badges.

Santa's island stopover at Luìng

Santa took a break from his busy schedule to drop in at Luìng children's Christmas party.

Despite having lots to do before packing up his sleigh ready for Christmas Eve, the big man in red made sure he had time to stop off on the island as a special surprise for youngsters there.

As well as getting presents from Santa, the children were also treated to plenty of cake.



Santa was on Luìng to hand out presents at the children's Christmas party.

A spark of life for Appin school

A lifesaving defibrillator has been installed at Duncraig Primary School in Appin.

The gesture is part of a community benefits programme being delivered across the Highlands by energy services contractor Union Technical.

The business also provided CPR and defibrillator training to ensure local people are equipped to use the unit if emergency medical assistance is ever required.

Defibrillators are used to treat cardiac arrest by providing a high energy electric shock to the heart. The chances of surviving cardiac arrest increase to 50-70 per cent if a defibrillator is deployed within the first three to five minutes compared with less than 10 per cent without a defibrillator.

There have been increasing calls for defibrillators to be located in all schools. Across the UK Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) kills more than 60,000 people annually including 270 children in schools.

Last year the business was appointed to deliver Highland Council's Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme (EES:ABS) which offers eligible



The new defibrillator at the front of the school. Photograph: Union Technical.

Highland residents Scottish Government grant funding for energy efficiency measures.

Under the EES:ABS contract, the business is currently undertaking a significant retrofit project in Casl, installing a range of energy efficiency measures in Swedish timber homes on behalf of Highland Council utilising EES:ABS and private sector funding.

Suzanne Coyle, director of operations at Union Technical, said: "It is extremely rewarding to secure a new defibrillator for the Appin community."

"As a business, we take great pride in giving back to the communities where we operate by employing local suppliers and making meaningful contributions through donations and voluntary work."

"Our essential energy services

have a transformative effect on housing, making properties happier and healthier, and we are committed to having the same positive impact on people's lives as we have on their homes."

Union Technical is implementing a wide-ranging community benefits programme across the Highlands and is currently planning its future contributions in partnership with Highland Council.

The business previously distributed 50 £40 vouchers to families in need to purchase winter coats and other warm clothing and footwear for children, as well as more than 100 warm home packs incorporating blankets, thermal socks, hats, gloves, scarfs, mugs, and room thermometers.

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NEWS 7

Demands are made to grit more of Tarbert's streets

by Fiona Ross
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Hazardous ice on ungritted roads in Tarbert is trapping elderly residents in their homes and endangering school bus routes, according to a community councillor.

Peter Bates is raising the issue at this week's meeting of Tarbert and Skipness Community Council after recent cold weather led to claims that sheet ice had left parts of Tarbert "highly dangerous for days".

And the community's concerns will also be raised with Argyll and Bute Council after

Kintyre and the Islands councillor Anne Horn expressed her dissatisfaction with the state of the roads during the recent cold spell.

"It is a priority of mine to have this changed," she said. "I understand how busy it is currently for roads and amenity staff and I would ask officers to reach a resolution without delay."

Ms Horn also highlighted the impact the ungritted sections of road were having on local workers, school children and residents needing



Councillor Anne Horn says the gritting issue is 'a priority of mine'.

to attend appointments. She told the Advertiser: "I do appreciate if the roads are gritted early and then freeze again this can cause issues but the problem is that some public roads without footpaths are not gritted at all. "This has an added impact on travellers who leave early

for work: ferry crew, carers, and fish farm workers, when the icy conditions prevent them driving on these sections of the roads.

"There is no public transport alternative and conditions are dangerous even for pedestrians accessing amenities in the village, such as school and medical appointments."

The main problem areas for ungritted ice on Tarbert's roads have been cited as Pier Road and Garval Road, as Mr Bates explained.

"The recent spell of freezing weather has exposed Argyll and Bute Council's minimalist efforts at gritting in Tarbert," he told the Advertiser.

"Pier Road and Garval Road are two examples where only partial gritting takes place, leaving most of the road ungritted. There are no footpaths on either road and both are used by pedestrians, school

children and vehicles.

"Pier Road, additionally, is a school bus route, both of these roads recently were highly dangerous for days with sheet ice."

When the Advertiser raised the matter with the council it said that a lack of resources and manpower prevents the council from gritting all roads in the area.

An Argyll and Bute Council spokesperson said: "When freezing conditions are forecast, the council deploys 32 gritters to treat 750 miles of road, more than 50 per cent of our entire network.

"The gritting routes are determined in order of priority, with resources focussed on the roads that carry the greatest amount of traffic. Our roads team works diligently to this strict programme.

"We would love to be able to treat every mile of local road

and footway in the area but we simply don't have the resources or manpower to do so."

However, Mr Bates stressed that more needs to be done to keep residents safe.

"Pressure needs to be brought on Argyll and Bute Council to extend its gritting routes for the safety of all residents and road users.

"A lack of gritting in Tarbert has been going on for years, it is time the council addressed this perennial problem and change their mean-hearted and penny-pinching attitude to gritting routes which does not satisfy even the minimum requirements.

"Sprained ankles, broken bones and traffic accidents will result if this is not done. The elderly and infirm are trapped at home, unwilling to leave the house and go into the village as underfoot conditions are so hazardous."

'People are living in the most appalling conditions'

Two Argyll headteachers are backing a new year campaign to garner support for refugees struggling with winter conditions.

After spending their autumn break with homeless people stranded in northern France, Lena Carter and Alexandra Vipurs find their concerns for the families they met there growing as the weather worsens.

Lena, who is head of Glassary and Tayvallich schools, told the Advertiser that returning to Calais in October was very different from when she had been last Easter.

"Back in the spring there was a sense of hope that came with the long days of summer ahead and the knowledge that those travelling to safety might be blessed with calmer seas and brighter horizons," she said.

"But in the autumn, with winter approaching, the fate of the refugees seemed much more fragile."

Lena was volunteering alongside Gigha Primary School head Alexandra Vipurs with Care4Calais, a charity that supports refugees in France and the UK.

A spokesperson for the organisation explained the challenges that this time of year brings for those they are helping.

"Refugees are living in the most appalling conditions in Calais," the spokesperson



Alexandra Vipurs and Lena Carter, ready to travel to Calais.

said. "The cold coastal winds, the freezing temperatures and rain are making life difficult for refugees sleeping outdoors with nothing but tarpaulin for cover."

The charity marked the end of the year with a message to everyone who tried in 2024 to improve the lives of Calais' refugees.

The spokesperson thanked Lena and Alexandra along with the hundreds of others who make the charity's work possible.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank our incredible volunteers, supporters, and partner organisations," the spokesperson said.

"Their tireless efforts to support, advocate, and stand with refugees and people seeking safety inspire us every single day."

As Lena and Alexandra celebrated through the festive season with their loved-ones, the refugee families they had

met were never far from their thoughts. "We met many more women and children at the distributions in October than we had previously," Lena explained.

"And on one day we even met a mother with a baby in a pram; that was hard to see.

"Alex and I thought of our own children and what it must take for a mother to be driven to such a situation to try and protect her child."

The day after Alex and Lena left Calais, a mother and child were among those who drowned in a failed crossing of the channel.

Struggling to process this news, Lena turned to poetry in an attempt to deal with rawness of her emotions.

The poem concludes with the lines: "Unfathomable. That any mother and child could experience this. That any world could allow this."

Over the festive period Care4Calais launched an appeal for UK residents to make regular contributions to its work.

"As a charity that relies on donations from individuals none of this vital work would be possible without that generosity," the spokesperson said.

"This Christmas, we kindly asked people to consider setting up a regular donation so, together, we can continue to support refugees in the UK and at our borders."

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Happy Hogmanay as Wee Toon brings in new year

by Hannah O'Hanlon
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Hogmanay celebrations in Scotland's capital city may have been cancelled amid extreme weather warnings but pubs, sport clubs and venues across calm Campbeltown were packed with revellers on December 31.

While pubs welcomed more punters than ever, parties were held at the town's Masonic hall and bowling clubs, among others, with the main celebration being Campbeltown Town Hall's Hogmanay Hoolie.

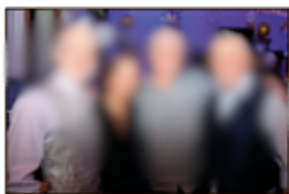
Last year's inaugural New Year's Eve bash was such a hit that the 120 tickets available for this year's glitzy do sold out within a couple of days.

And it was another resounding success, with the town hall house band belting out some classic hits throughout the night, before the lucky raffle winners of a new year's Eve bash at the town hall bell at midnight to officially ring in the new year.

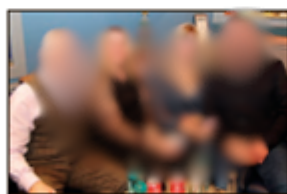
The occasion was also marked by a balloon drop and confetti canons at the bells, as the whole room gathered for a traditional rendition of Auld Lang Syne, Loch Lomond and 500 Miles.



Alison Wylie, Heather Millar, Taylor Campbell, Claire Soudan and Kathryn Semple celebrated in the Burnsides Bar; top right, Andy Robertson, Lina Robertson, Graham McNally and Lorna Paterson enjoy the town hall's celebration; and below right, spirits were high at the Kinloch Bar on Hogmanay; inset, Lizzie Bell and Andrea Anka Malai at the town hall bash.



Town hall stalwart Willie Durnan, right, enjoying some downtime with friends during the party; and right, brothers Robert Scally, left, and Stephen Scally, right, and their wives Gillian and Janna at the Masonic hall celebration.



The town hall house band was on top form for the Hogmanay Hoolie; and right, members and friends gathered at Campbeltown Bowling Club.



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Senior Police officials Visit Bute

POLICE OFFICERS on the Isle of Bute received a visit from senior officials this week as Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Gary I'Anson, Chief Inspector James McArthur, and Inspector Bart Simonis met with local officers on the island.

The visit aimed to provide senior leaders with an on-the-ground understanding of the unique challenges faced by officers policing a rural island community. Chief Superintendent I'Anson expressed gratitude for the dedication and flexibility shown by the officers on Bute, acknowledging the complexities of delivering effective policing in such a setting.

Over the past few months there have been well documented difficulties with policing on Bute, which have been reported by this newspaper but police are encouraging residents to share their views by completing the





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Bruan light up £2k target

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very few people realise the work involved, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year.

However over the festive period locals turned out in force to support the pair's fund raising efforts and Bruan managed to reach their elusive £2,000 target for the very first time.

This year all monies raised will go to local community group Inspiring Inanellan, member Eleanor Stevenson explained. "Jan and Di were desperately keen to do what they had not done before and that was for the Bruan

lights to make over £2,000 for charity. They smashed through that barrier thanks to the generosity of those who came along to see the fairy tale spectacular. The amount of work which goes into the preparation of the annual display is staggering and the two ladies spend hours setting everything up in all sorts of weather so it was very gratifying to see their efforts rewarded.

Eleanor added: "Some very generous, anonymous amounts found their way into the donations box but the smaller sums given by so many mounted up too and were much appreciated.

Storms threatened to destroy all the hard work and sent much of the display flying but Jan and Di fought back and spent several long, cold hours repairing the damage. Well done to them for never giving up and well done to them too for the years of effort put into making the Bruan lights the best in Argyll. All the money raised will be put back into the village for the recipients, Inspiring Inanellan, so look out for some lovely displays later in the year and remember how they were made possible by the dedication of two special people."



Bruan Proposal

APART from reaching their charity target there was also another first in Bruan's history - a marriage proposal.

Just days after the official switch on last month Jan's nephew Gary got down on one

knee under the lights and asked his partner Emma if she would marry him.

Jan said: "It's the first marriage proposal in the history of the lights, Emma agreed, (phee), so we wish them well for the future."



Winter Welcome Spaces: A warm embrace for residents in Cowal

AS THE chill of winter settles over Argyll and Bute, the Third Sector Interface, (TSI), which supports local voluntary groups and organisations, is reminding residents of the Winter Welcome Spaces available across Cowal.

These spaces are a lifeline for those seeking warmth, connection, and community during the colder months.

Open to everyone, the Winter Welcome Spaces provide a safe environment where visitors can enjoy hot drinks, share meals, and take part in activities. They are designed not just to combat the physical cold, but also to offer a sense of belonging and support.

Available Winter Welcome Spaces in Cowal include:

- Blairmore Village Hall: The Shore Hub invites you to drop in every Thursday morning for a hot cup of tea and a friendly chat in a warm and welcoming setting.
- Dunoon Foodbank and Community Hub: Open several days each week, this hub provides hot meals, tea, coffee, and snacks. Visitors can also take home food bags or join in group activities, including crafts.

HELP (Argyll and Bute) Limited: Young people aged 16-25 are welcome daily to enjoy lunch, hot drinks, and a variety of engaging activities, from arts and crafts to movie screenings.

Takki Sulaiman, CEO of Argyll and Bute TSI, highlighted the significance of these spaces:

"Winter Welcome Spaces across Cowal and Bute provide more than just warmth; they bring people together to share kindness, company, and care. We encourage residents to visit these spaces and make the most of what they offer."

For a complete list of Winter Welcome Spaces, including their opening times and locations, visit the Argyll TSI website. This winter, find warmth and friendship in these spaces and let the community spirit of Cowal and Bute shine through.

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Road Safety Week - road deaths up across the west coast

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Monday 20 January 2025 (1pm to 7pm)
The Queen's Hall, 9 Argyll Street, Dunoon, PA33 7WH


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Public consultations open on A83 Rest long-term solution

ARGYLLSHIRE ADVERTISER News Jan 6, 2025 by Fiona Ross



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Thursday 19 January 2025 10am to 5pm	Lochapease Bowling Club, Main Park, Leishmerton, PA31 6LH
Friday 20 January 2025 10am to 5pm	Lochapease Village Hall, 8 Hall Road, Lochapease, Carroness, PA29 8JG
Friday 21 January 2025 10am to 5pm	The Omen's Hall, 9 Argyle Street, Oban, PA32 7JH
Saturday 22 January 2025 10am to 5pm	Three Village Hall, Shire Road, Arrochar, G12 1JL

Appendix E. Social media posts

This appendix features copies of the social media posts that were issued across Transport Scotland social media channels (including Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Instagram) on the following dates:

- 13 December 2024
- 10 January 2025
- 20 January 2025

Instagram post on 13 December 2024



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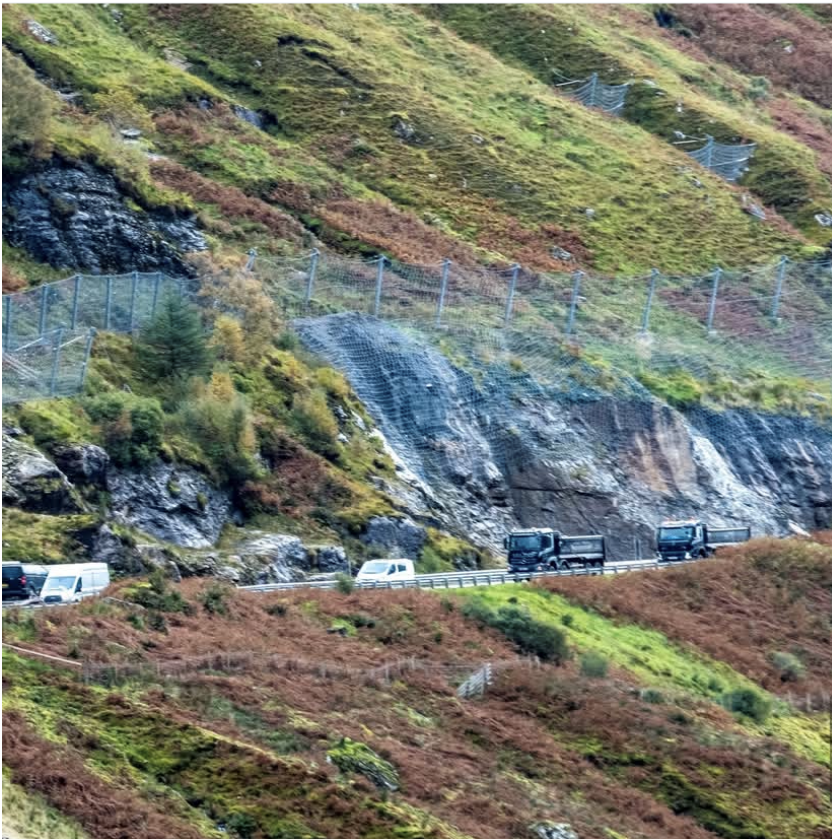
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Facebook post on 10 January 2025



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Appendix F. Stakeholder emails

This appendix features copies of two emails that were issued to stakeholders making them aware of the public exhibitions and a list of the email recipients.

13 December 2024

Good morning,

A83 Rest and Be Thankful

We are contacting you to let you know that public exhibitions are being held from **15 to 21 January 2025** for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful scheme.

These public exhibitions will provide local communities and road users the opportunity to view and comment on the draft Orders, Compulsory Purchase Orders and Environmental Impact Assessments for both the Medium and Long-Term Solutions. **Please note these are two standalone schemes and should be considered separately when providing comment or representations.**

Improving the resilience of the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful remains a key transport priority for the Scottish Government.

Transport Scotland staff and their technical advisers AtkinsRéalis WSP Joint Venture (AWJV) will be available to answer any questions on the proposals for both the Medium and Long-Term Solutions.

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Friday 17 January 2025 (1pm to 6pm)

Lochgoilhead Village Hall, 8 Hall Road, Lochgoilhead, PA24 8AA

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Please submit any representations to Transport Scotland by **7 February 2025** by post:

**Director of Major Projects, A83 Rest and Be Thankful Scheme, Transport Scotland,
George House, 2nd Floor, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G12AD**

Or by email: A83DraftOrders@transport.gov.scot

For further information, please visit the [A83 Story Map](#)

If you no longer wish to receive updates regarding the scheme, please email the project team on A83@wsp.com

Yours faithfully

AtkinsRéalis WSP Joint Venture (AWJV) Stakeholder Team

10 January 2025

Good afternoon,

Following our earlier communication on 13 December 2024, we would like to provide a reminder to you of the upcoming draft Orders public exhibitions for the both the Medium and Long-Term Solutions for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful scheme.

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Kind regards

Atkins WSP Joint Venture Stakeholder Team

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- Elected Representatives from Local Authorities
- Special Interest Groups
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- Local secondary schools/ colleges/ academies
- Community groups
- Community councils
- Community trusts
- Large businesses
- Local and emergency services
- Contacts received from previous engagement