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Dear Sir/Madam

**TERM CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE  
SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK – NORTH WEST UNIT  
A83 STRONE POINT IMPROVEMENTS - CONSULTATION**

We write to inform you of the intention to carry out improvement works on the A83 Trunk Road at Strone Point, located approximately 2.5 miles east of Inveraray, for which a location plan is enclosed for your information.

An investment from Transport Scotland, currently estimated at £1.55M, has been committed to deliver the long awaited improvements to this part of the A83. This strategic route through Argyll and Bute, connects the A82 at Tarbet with the busy ferry ports at Kennacraig and Campbeltown.

The improvement works involve realignment of 359m of existing carriageway and associated drainage, earthworks, surfacing, signing and roadmarkings. This scheme has been developed to address the accident history at this location and will improve the radius of the bend and widen the carriageway for the benefit of all road users. A drawing illustrating the proposals is also enclosed for your reference.

It is anticipated the works will commence in late November 2016, lasting for 24 weeks inclusive of the 2 week holiday period over Christmas and New Year.

The works will predominantly take place between the hours of 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday however, it is likely that short term works outwith these hours will be required. This will ensure that the overall disruption to road users is kept to the absolute minimum.

The majority of works will be carried out under temporary traffic signal control of a single lane closure. In addition to temporary traffic signals, approximately 5 overnight road closures will be required to complete the carriageway tie-ins at each end of the scheme. This approach is necessary to ensure the safety of workers and road users while allowing works to be completed in the shortest time possible. Advanced warning of the changes to Traffic Management arrangements will be communicated as appropriate with further detailed information on any overnight closures to be provided once the Main Contractor has produced a detailed programme for the works. It is likely that any overnight closures will be towards the end of the 24 week construction period.

Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland wish to thank the local community and all road users in advance for their patience and cooperation during these improvement works.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss the works further, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Baxter by email [NWconsultation@bearsotland.co.uk](mailto:NWconsultation@bearsotland.co.uk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Baxter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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