

# Argyll and Bute Council submission of 2 February 2023

## PE1967/D: Protect Loch Lomond's Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the high road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan

Transport Scotland and their consultants engaged with Argyll & Bute Council, as the roads authority for the local road network, at various points during the initial consultation phase and, again, after the preferred route had been selected. The Council, as a key stakeholder, is satisfied that reasonable engagement on the 2016 proposal for the A82 occurred between itself and the national authority.

In regards to the preferred option and the process used to select it, the Council is broadly supportive of the approach taken. At present, the Council's main interest concerning the project is as follows:

1. That during the works, appropriate signage alongside a suitable public and stakeholder communication strategy is in place to ensure diversions operate effectively;
2. That suitable arrangements are made to ensure that an adequate return to service plan is in place and can be implemented for the A82 should an incident (for example, a landslip or RTC) occur on the A83 which results in a closure to traffic requiring the possible use of the A82 as a diversion;
3. That the signage strategy used both during and post construction doesn't create a bypass road to west Argyll but instead actively seeks to encourage visitors to the area.

If you require any further information on this matter please contact [redacted].