

PE1540/N

Chris Wardle Letter of 9 February 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to add my voice to the A83 discussion and petition.

I live in Achahoish and regularly travel to Glasgow along the A83. Like everyone else in the west of Argyll we depend on goods and services for which the unimpeded passage along the A83 is key.

The current weather pattern suggests to me that the A83 situation has significantly changed for the worse with regular very heavy rainfall events.

Whilst I applaud the efforts to minimise the effects of landslip so far it seems to me that there exists a significant risk to travellers on the Rest and Be Thankful section of being washed over the edge by mud/water flow on the road or being hit by boulders bigger than the nets can arrest.

The priority I suggest is to have a good enough early warning system in place to close the road ahead of any such future slide until such time as a different route can be constructed around, under or away from the unstable mountain slope.

All the local businesses and the tourist trade need this route. So please continue to develop a viable long term alternative road.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wardle