

**PE1540/M**

Bobby Locke Email of 10 February 2016

Dear Members,

I have been resident in Argyll for over 30 years, delighting in its beauty. The A83 route through Glen Croe has been a particularly heart-lifting pleasure. Landslips around the Rest-and-be-Thankful pass have caused increasing problems in recent times and I appreciate the consideration of the safety of travellers being of paramount importance. I have no expertise regarding the civil engineering merits or costs of any proposed schemes for dealing with the problem in the long term. What I am certain about is the ugliness of the mesh barriers which completely ruin the beauty of this main route into so much of our wonderful county. Installing them as a temporary measure in response to an emergency is probably inevitable; but the restoration of the welcoming beauty of this normally scenic route must surely be the longer-term aim. With thanks for your consideration of this aspect of the concern.

Yours faithfully,

Bobby Locke