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(By Email)

Dear Alison

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT PETITION PE1428 - A83 IMPROVEMENTS

I refer to your correspondence dated 25 May 2012 in connection with the above subject, which has been considered by Road Policing officers from the force concerned, and can now offer the following by way of comment.

1. Rest and Be Thankful landslides.

Day to day policing is not greatly affected by landslides as officers are based in the local communities on both sides and deal with issues arising. When closures are instigated, there are no great issues with the procedures although during the day heavy congestion is experienced on the A82 from Tarbet to Crianlarich. Due to the narrowness of stretches of this road when LGV/buses meet head to head congestion is severe.

I am concerned that with proposals to upgrade the A82 near Pulpit Rock, if this road is closed for the upgrades and a subsequent landslide occurs at the Rest and Be Thankful, very extensive diversions would be put in place. This would no doubt attract negative comments from the local population, elected members and sections of the media.

2. Pinch points, no issues have been identified and I am unsure as to the Petitioner's points.

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3. Crossing Points, again no issues have been highlighted to police.
4. Trunking the A83 Kennacraig to Campbeltown road is a matter for the relevant roads authorities.

I trust that the foregoing is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Tom Ewing
Assistant Chief Constable