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Dear Alison

**PE1428 A83 Rest and Be Thankful**

Further to my letter of 18 February 2013, I am writing to provide an update on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

The final A83 route study report and associated consultation feedback paper are now available on the Transport Scotland website at:

<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/maintenance/landslides/A83-rest-and-be-thankful> .

The study has looked closely at what more can be done in managing the effects of landslides at the Rest and Be Thankful, including long-term engineering options such as rock shelters, stabilisation using vegetation techniques and investigating alternative access routes to mid Argyll. The study has also looked at removing pinch points along the route. The Study report was considered by the A83 Taskforce at its last meeting on 25 February.

The Jacobs report recommends a package of works of around £40 million to improve the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful and between Tarbet and Kennacraig. Transport Scotland is content with this recommendation following the recent consultation.

At the A83 Taskforce Meeting on 25 February, the Minister for Transport and Veterans announced the Scottish Government will be providing another £4 million of investment to take forward a raft of improvements, including further mitigation work at the Rest and Be Thankful, such as netting, drainage and planting works, and more safety improvements at key points on the A83.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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