

PE1540/U

Scottish Government letter of 29 July 2016

I am writing in response to your letter of 1 July with a request for an update on further works planned at the A83 Rest and be Thankful and a response on written submission items PE1540/G-PE1540/T.

Planned Works

A further £6.6M for the next two financial years was announced at the A83 Taskforce on 25 January 2016 for works on the A83. This includes a further £4.2M for more landslide mitigation works and improvements to the local diversion route. These are as follows:

2016/17

A83 Rest and Be Thankful - £1 M: Risk Reduction Measures -Debris Net Enhancements (high frequency events)

A83 Old Military Road - £410k: Diversion route improvements

A83 Rest and Be Thankful - £80k: Tender/Procurement for Risk Reduction Measures - Debris Net Enhancements (medium and low frequency events)

2017/18

A83 Rest and Be Thankful - £230k: Debris Net Enhancements (high frequency events completion)

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – £1.775M: Risk Reduction Measures - Debris Net Enhancements (medium and low frequency events - completion)

A83 Rest and Be Thankful - £710k: Contingency for additional nets if required

Response to Items PE1540/G-PE1540/T

The matters raised in the referenced submissions cover a range of topics which continue to be discussed at the A83 Taskforce meetings. These include requests for other landslide mitigation measures (i.e. viaduct, tunnel, shortened debris shelter); information on various websites and the media during an event; the use of monitoring equipment on the hillside and the visual impact of the netting.

As the A83 Taskforce membership includes elected representatives (MSPs and local councillors), officials from Argyll and Bute Council and Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park plus representatives from businesses and local community councils, the items raised in the written submissions will continue to be discussed with the range of parties from across the region at this forum. The next meeting of the A83 Taskforce will be on 7 September in Arrochar. An update will be provided to the committee following this meeting.

I am copying this response to the Minister for Transport and the Islands for his information. Yours sincerely

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