

**PE1540/V**

Email from Councillor Douglas Philand of 22 September 2016

It is much thanks that we in Argyll acknowledge the investment that has been put into the A83 by the Scottish Government and all of its significant issues along the route. In reflecting the actions undertaken I would simply ask the committee to consider the recent events where the rest and be thankful has been affected. When you study the papers you will see that when the rest was closed on one of the last occasions the old military road was also closed because quite rightly a full risk assessment was not able to be carried out to determine how safe the route was. When you also consider a sizeable boulder had to be blown up because it was causing great concern which again quite rightly led to the road being closed for this when the question is asked is this a permanent solution for the A83, clearly this cannot be supported. I would simply ask that as a committee you continue to give your support the residents and businesses of Argyll and Bute to ensure a permanent solution to the problems of Argyll and Bute can be delivered.

I thank you for your deliberations and will respect the decision you make in relation to this issue.

Kind regards

Dougie

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