

## 1. Before Forest Plans or Felling Licences are submitted to the Forestry Commission:

The Forest Agent or owner liaises with Argyll & Bute Council, over the initial planning of future timber transport on consultation and excluded routes. Timber Traffic Management Plans are developed where appropriate.

Contact Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure (Roads)  
Dunoon Tel. 01369 708600 Helensburgh Tel. 01436 658877  
Lochgilphead Tel. 01546 604618 Oban Tel. 01631 569160

**Note: Vehicle capacities included in any TTMP are a route specific maximum.**

## 2. Scoping Meetings – 28 day response period

Formal scoping meetings for Forest Enterprise Design Plans and Private Sector Forest Plans Provide Local Authority with an opportunity to have an early input on any timber transport issues associated with the outline plans. This helps Local Authority to plan future road maintenance programme, where practicable.

**Forest Design Plans and individual felling licence applications should include copies of Timber Traffic Management Plans associated with haulage and any comments or suggestions made by the Council regarding timber haulage on the Council network.**

## 3. Consent for civil engineering works

Consent is required to form a new access or carry out any civil engineering works on or adjacent to a public road. **Contact A&BC (Roads)** or the Trunk Road Authority. Formal construction adjoining the public road structure can only be carried out by HAUC certificated contractors.

### Planning Permission

Planning Permission is required from A&BC, (Planning) or Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park (for areas within the National Park) for any proposal to form a new forest access onto a classified public road (A or B road).

## 4. Forestry Commission Approve Forest Plan or Felling Licence.

Forestry Commission issues approval of a Felling Licence taking cognisance of information provided by the applicant after discussion with the Local Authority.

**Where plans which include the use of public routes other than “Agreed Routes” and no TTMP is produced as part of the application , further details will be required and approval delayed.**

## 5. Immediately prior to harvesting operations

Landowner or Forestry Agent should contact **A&BC, (Roads) local office** when harvesting/haulage operations are imminent, but immediately **before** the timber is sold. **After the timber is sold**, liaison will be between the Roads Authority and **the purchaser, or their harvesting agent**, when prior agreement determines that a timber traffic management plan has been put in place before haulage commences. **This will also provide a point of contact for further liaison when required & help monitor that arrangement.**