

Argyll Timber Transport Group.

Timber Traffic Management Plan: B840 East Lochaweside

This Timber Traffic Management Plan (TTMP) has been prepared so that the structure of the roads named and associated verges are protected during operations associated with in-forest road construction or upgrading as well as timber haulage operations while preserving them for the use of local residents, agriculture and other forestry users. The purpose of this local agreement is specifically to ensure that reasonable access is maintained for the forestry owner/s and their neighbours, but in a sustainable fashion and in accordance with regional and national forest strategies. Refer to www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/timber-transport

Pre-conditions for the use of B840 East Lochaweside Road from A819 to Portsonachan: The following schedule relates to the sensitive Council road B840 from the A819 junction to Portsonachan. The plan is to protect this narrow road and verges. Notification to the council roads department of the intent to start haulage operations must be made one month in advance of commencement.

Lorry Configuration:

Only wagon and drag configurations with six wheel trailer and double or “maxi-tyre” configuration, up to a maximum loaded weight of 44 tonnes are permitted. Lorries fitted with CTI are preferred for timber haulage on this road. The use of super single tyre units is prohibited.

Frequency & Timing:

The time between loaded vehicles travelling on this road should be no less than one hour, maximum of six vehicles per day, to allow a degree of carriageway recovery. Operations are planned for 5 days per week. At the programmed rate of production, haulage shall not exceed 30 loads per week or 6 loads per day. Timber haulage on this road should only occur from April – October avoiding the winter period, and at no more than the scheduled rate of despatch. Hauliers wishing to increase this frequency or vary timings should consult with the A&BC Technical Officer for Oban, Lorn and the Isles listed in contacts on the webpage. An assessment of the road and weather conditions, in conjunction with any proposed mitigation measures such as CTI, will determine suitability of an increase in load frequency. Any timber remaining after agreed dates will require further consultation with the Roads Dept. prior to movement, and at a further reduced rate if necessary.

Seasonal & Weather Condition Restrictions:

As above.

Driver Awareness & Speed Limits:

Drivers involved with the haulage must be familiar with the nature of the road and should have read and be in possession of this management agreement, prior to operating on this route.

Access points/Loading:

These should be agreed with the A&BC prior to any haulage being carried out and should meet standard requirements, [detailed in protocols](#) and guidance on the webpage.

Monitoring & review:

Road conditions are subject to periodic inspections by Council staff during the period of operations. Parallel inspections by the ATTG Project Officer will be carried out when practicable. Any deterioration of the road surface observed by interested parties (hauliers, land owner, agents etc.) must be notified to the local Council Roads Operations office as soon as practicable.

Haulage should be suspended immediately if there is any doubt that significant damage is evident or likely to occur and only resumed after consultation with A&BC Technical Officer- OLI.

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