

## **Appendix 1 - Timber Haulage Protocol for Argyll & Bute**

### **Before Forest Plans or Felling Licences are submitted to Scottish Forestry:**

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.

At this stage, it is recommended that contact is also made with the Argyll Timber Transport Groups Project Officer.

Contact Argyll and Bute Council Development and Infrastructure (Roads). Contact details can be found at [ABC ATTG update Contact Update.xlsx \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](#)

Note: Vehicle capacities included in any TTMP are a route specific maximum and would need to be shared between active sites requiring use of the road.

### **Scoping Meetings – 28 day response period**

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

Forest Design Plans and individual felling permission 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.

### **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).

### **Scottish Forestry Approve Forest Plan or Felling Permission.**

Scottish Forestry issues approval of a Felling Permission taking cognisance of information provided by the applicant after discussion with the Local Authority. Guidance and the application form can be found at [Scottish Forestry - Felling permission](#)

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.

### **Immediately prior to harvesting operations**

Landowner or their Agent should contact A&BC, (Roads) local office before the timber is sold to agree appropriate haulage solutions. After the timber is sold, liaison will be between the Roads Authority and the purchaser, or their harvesting agent and the ATTG as required.