

Plockton and District Community Council submission of 24 February 2023

PE1974/C: Adopt the A890 as a trunk road

Plockton and District Community Council is 100% in favour of supporting any action which would improve not only the quality but the safety of the journey EAST/WEST/EAST on the A890.

Over the past 30 years, the closures of the Stromeferry bypass have caused enormous inconvenience to the Plockton and Lochalsh communities.

Closures are normally because of rock landslides and it is obvious to all the residents of this area that enormous amounts of money have been spent on Landslide prevention and mitigation.

When this road is closed it means a 130 mile diversion.

At present the road surface is an embarrassment, potholes that look like World War 1 shell craters especially at the tarmac edge which are axle and/or wheel destroyers.

The sheer volume of traffic especially April-October tourist traffic is probably 10, 20 or even 30 fold over the estimate of traffic volume when the bypass and landslide shelter were built.

The North Coast 500, camper van increase, school buses, heavy lorries etc as well as the residential day to day users all contribute to essentially tearing this inadequate road up when water pours down from the overhanging cliffs.

The Stromeferry bypass is in continual atrocious condition and from a Health and Safety perspective it can be argued that to continually allow traffic to use the road is in conscious knowledge that the road is inherently unsafe.