

Highland Council submission of 22 May 2023

PE1980/C: Adopt the A832 between Achnasheen and Gorstan as a trunk road

Thank you for your e-mail. Please accept my apologies for the delay in the Council's response.

In respect of PE1974, I can comment as follows:

There has been no further work undertaken by Highland Council on the Strome ferry Options Appraisal since December 2019. The project has no capital programme support and Transport Scotland had said that it was a 'local road' and would not be supported in STPR2. I have attached the Council's response to the STPR2 consultation¹. At this time there is no preferred option for the scheme. The STAG had narrowed down the options, but Council had not yet selected a preferred route. The enclosed documents show the three routes which had emerged². The Council did receive representation from Scottish Water in 2019/20 regarding the southern route S4. This valley is the drinking water supply catchment area for a significant population and Scottish Water had said that they may be minded to object if mitigation could not be provided. That said no decision had been taken.

In respect of PE1980:

The A832 Achnasheen to Gorstan is a single carriageway road and, although some of it may not meet today's design standards, the issues of the A890 Strome ferry section outweigh those significantly. The A832 is known for high-speed traffic due to its openness and some long straight sections.

The Highland Council has undertaken the following work along the A890 and A832 in 2021/22 and 2022/23, with further works programmed for 2023/24:

¹Copy of STPR2 consultation response: https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/strategic-transport-projects-review/consultation/view_respondent?show_all_questions=0&sort=submitted&order=ascending&q_text=highland+council&uuld=793068747

² Page 16 of Strome ferry Working Group Presentation 20/03/2019: https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/20702/strome_ferry_working_group_presentation_200319 and https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/22382/route_option_plan_sk1003

Financial Year	Works	Cost	Status
20/21	A890 W of Achnasheen Major patching	£185k	Completed
20/21	A890 Strathcarron Hotel – Attadale Surface Dressing	£130k	Completed
21/22	A890 Achnasheen Major patching	£96.2k	Completed
21/22	A890 Avalanche Shelter – Hotel Surface dressing (tbc)	£116.5k	Completed
	A890 Stromeferry Viewpoint Prep works for SD in 22/23	£4.1k	Completed
22/23	A890 Auchtertyre Jct to Dam Surface dressing 2.9km	£126.7k	Completed
22/23	A890 Stromeferry Viewpoint East 884m surface dressing	£59.2k	Completed
22/23	A832 Lochluichart 883m surfacing	£138,300	Completed
22/23	A890 W of Achnasheen Section 1 1.524km Section 2 1.178	£378,280	Completed
23/24	A832 Lochluichart Surfacing 1.1km	£192,500	To be discussed at W5BM
23/24	A890 Various Sites	£1.38m	Sites nearly identified, works planned for autumn onwards