

## Press Release

**Date: 13 December 2011 – Update 8**

### **Landslip A83 – 0.5 miles east of RABT**

Following a decision yesterday to fully reopen the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful around the clock, the road will close to general traffic to-night during the hours of darkness due to the impact of the current high winds and rainfall. With the exception of emergency vehicles, diversion routes will be put in place between the hours of 4pm to-day and 8.30am to-morrow. Despite our very best efforts to find a solution to allow us to monitor the landslip during darkness and allow us to keep the road open around the clock, the impact of high winds and driving rain has forced us to close the road again tonight, except to emergency vehicles, during the hours of darkness. It just has not been possible to implement a system of safe traffic running at night which would provide us with the assurances we need to make the road safe for general traffic. The severe weather and in particular the high winds have not allowed us to fully install flood lighting today along the length of the road we know to be susceptible to the impact of sudden landslips. The lighting would allow our team on the ground to monitor the road during darkness and provide an additional layer of comfort to make the road as safe as possible.

We can only apologise once again to the local communities affected - we do appreciate the need for them to go about their business, but the decision has not been taken lightly. As we have said in recent days - safety is paramount in everything we do and our key focus is always be to ensure the safety of road users. A diversion route has been put in place which will run during darkness - drivers needing to use this route during these hours should use the A819 and A85/A82. We will of course provide updates as the impact of the current weather events unfold but we still hope to re-open the road 24 hours a day from tomorrow night.

Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs which will be in place throughout the works. For real time journey planning information visit [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org)