

Argyll Timber Transport Group.

Timber Traffic Management Plan: C42 Barnluasgan – Kilmory Knapp Road

Refer to Council webpage at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/timber-transport as indicated.

Pre-conditions: The following schedule relates to the sensitive Council road detailed above. The C42 is designated as a Severely Restricted Route in this area. Proposed haulage operations must be discussed with the council at least one month in advance of commencement, especially if there is a need to supply to shipping at Ardrishaig Pier.

Lorry Configuration. This road has a thin construction which has been susceptible to deformation in the past causing damage to the surface. Lorries fitted with CTI is the preferred option but where this is not practicable standard 3 axle wagon and drag 44 tonnes GVW, are preferred. The use of full length articulated trailer units will be permissible but under close scrutiny to assess the added risk to verge over-run and edge damage associated with the longer swept paths. All units must utilise twin or maxi tyres with the use of super single tyre units prohibited. Vehicle configurations on this route may be subject to review if damage to the road becomes evident.

Frequency. The time between loaded vehicles travelling on this road should be no less than one hour, maximum of eight vehicles per day, to allow a degree of carriageway recovery. Timber traffic capacity shared between all sites using this road. Hauliers wishing to increase this frequency should consult with the A&BC Team Leader for Mid Argyll & Kintyre 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.

Forest access and loading points. 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

Seasonal/Weather condition restrictions. Haulage restricted to the summer months between **May and September, to avoid the frost/thaw conditions** which this road is particularly susceptible to. Consultation with the Area Roads Team as above would be required if haulage was planned outside this operational period, or in conditions of continuous heavy rain or winter weather.

Driver Awareness and Speed Limit. 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. The maximum speed (loaded or empty) should be restricted to **20 mph** until reaching the C42 Barnluasgan - Kilmory Knap Road / B8025 Crinan Moss - Keills Road. This may be reduced to **15 mph** during excessively wet periods.

Monitoring. 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. The purpose of this local agreement is specifically to ensure that reasonable access is maintained for the forestry owner, and their neighbours, but in a sustainable fashion, in accordance with regional and national forest strategy.