

**TRANSPORT SCOTLAND  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
A82 MEETING OF THE THREE WATERS, GLENCOE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 55A OF THE ROADS  
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1984**

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that the project to secure the three rockfaces at the Meeting of the Three Waters on the A82 in Glencoe is a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) and falls within Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to –

(a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely –

- (i) the size and design of the whole project;
  - (ii) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
  - (iii) the production of waste;
  - (iv) pollution and nuisances;
  - (v) areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC,
- (b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 55A(2) of the 1984 Act and the assessment under regulation 48 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (“the 1994 Regulations”) concluded that there would be no likely significant effects on the Glencoe Special Area of Conservation, the Glencoe Site of Special Scientific Interest, the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area and the Glencoe National Nature Reserve,
- (c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 14 September 2020, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/transport-network/roads/road-orders-and-records-of-determination/#63527>, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (a) Following construction and implementation of mitigation, the area in which the works are to be completed will not be significantly different from that which currently exists;
- (b) The 1994 Regulations Assessment determined that with mitigation measures, there would be no likely significant effects on the Glencoe Special Area of Conservation, the Glencoe Site of Special Scientific Interest, the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area and the Glencoe National Nature Reserve;
- (c) The scheme is not located within a densely populated area;
- (d) The scheme has limited impact on ecological connectivity or habitats of conservation concern, and works are limited to three rockfaces that are considered unlikely to support protected species.

The features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

- (a) Potential construction effects on local air quality, ecology, water quality, land use and landscape, and noise and vibration will be minimised through best practice working procedures and implementation of appropriate mitigation;
- (b) Works will be undertaken outwith the summer months to minimise disruption to travellers and tourists;
- (c) The Waste Hierarchy will be applied and adhered to throughout the construction phase with excavated materials being reused in-situ where practicable.

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