



Bakkafrost Applecross Private Wire

Bealach na Ba Road Closure

Emergency Vehicle Access Procedure

The Bakkafrost Applecross Private Wire requires an overnight road closure over the Bealach na Ba to allow installation of the high voltage and fibre cable ducts. The road closure has a 'blanket' Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)¹ which has already been approved by the Highland Council Technical department and the Highland Council Local Roads department. The TTRO covers the period between March 2024 – October 2025.

The overnight road closures (20:00 – 07:00) have been agreed by the Highland Council for the following dates;

- Wednesday 4th September – closed from 20:00 to midnight (to allow plant to be mobilised onto the hill ready for starting work the following week)
- Monday 9th September – Wednesday 18th September
- Monday 23rd September – Wednesday 2nd October
- Monday 7th October – Wednesday 16th October
- Monday 21st October – Wednesday 30th October
- Monday 4th November – Wednesday 13th November (provisional)

Appropriate signage² will be in place to make road users aware of the road closures and diversion route for during the overnight closures. Access for emergency vehicles will be allowed if required. In the event of an emergency, emergency vehicles will be granted access over the Bealach na Ba road during the overnight road closures. As the work is during the night, as much notice from the emergency services to the onsite road closure traffic controller would be beneficial to allow for a safe and seamless passing.

The road closure works involve excavation, duct laying, backfilling, resintarment which will be completed with the use of machinery and specialist equipment. The following procedure shall be followed to allow for safe and seamless passing;

- Emergency services to notify onsite road traffic controller.
- Onsite road traffic controller to notify the working civils teams on the Bealach na Ba road and provide access to the emergency vehicle.
- Civils teams on the Bealach na Ba road to backfill excavation or place steel plates over excavations and remove equipment and machinery to provide emergency vehicle access.

Where possible, it would be advised to use the diversion route, Applecross Coastal Road

¹ Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016

² Traffic Safety Measures and Signs for Road Works and Temporary Situations Part 2: Operations 2009