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Date: 15/04/2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
NORTH WEST UNIT
SCHEME NAME: A9 1350 KESSOCK BRIDGE TOWER RESCUE SYSTEM**

BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland is currently undertaking essential maintenance works on the A9 Kessock Bridge, involving improvements inside all four pylons of the bridge. These works include structural strengthening and modifications to provide assisted climb and rescue capabilities for workers inside the pylons. New wind gauges are also to be installed on the bridge deck and at the top of one of the pylons.

This £4 million scheme will improve the safety of the structure, improve wind speed monitoring, and facilitate safer access for workers.

Site works started in January 2025 and completion of the whole scheme is on course to be complete by Autumn 2026.

Due to the nature of the works being undertaken, and to protect pedestrians and cyclists, the east footway/cycleway on the bridge has been closed since September 2025 with a safe diversion route provided.

The works have progressed well and are slightly ahead of programme. As such, the footway closure will now be switched to the west side of the bridge on the 16th June 2026, with a diversion provided to safely direct pedestrians and cyclists to the open west footway/cycleway. Additional intermittent closures to the footway may be required to facilitate future works, however, any further changes to footway closures will be communicated by letter and press release.

It is planned that both footways will be open to the public by the 31st July 2026.

Intermittent night-time carriageway lane closures will be required for material deliveries, however these will be planned to limit any disruption to bridge users. A reduction in the speed limit to

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30mph will also be required over short periods throughout the programme of works. This is to protect workers undertaking works at height on the external faces of the pylons.

We trust this helps to explain the nature of the project and the efforts being made to minimise disruption during the works. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at nwconsultation@bearsotland.co.uk, or by post at the address above.

Yours faithfully,
For **BEAR Scotland Limited**

James Duthie
Principal Bridge Engineer

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