

19/08/2020 Message from Bear Scotland. Update regarding signage at Tarbet.

Following concern about the signage placed at Tarbet at times, when the Old Military Road Local Diversion is not in operation, we have reviewed the situation.

We fully understand the impact the closure has on local businesses with the loss of passing trade and we are keen to make it clear that Tarbet, Arrochar and Ardgarten are accessible at all times.

We are also aware that as the status of the closure changes, from OMR being open to OMR being closed, it is vital that clear signage is in place to guide trunk road traffic wishing to travel further afield to Inveraray and beyond.

There are 4 signs currently in use as per the photo below.

1. ROAD CLOSED AHEAD – this is the standard sign required in these circumstances at the main point of diversion.
2. A83 Closed 4 miles ahead – This is an additional information sign advising the distance to the closure and promoting the diversion route.
3. Businesses Open as Usual – This is an additional sign previously requested by businesses for obvious reasons.
4. Access to Arrochar, Succuth and Ardgarten – This advises of the communities still accessible, again previously requested by local communities.



It is proposed to make the following alterations as below and demonstrated in the photos below:-

1. Move the ROAD CLOSED AHEAD sign south, so it is on the verge in advance of the A82 junction.
2. Retain the A83 closed 4 miles sign as existing in the verge opposite the junction.
3. Move the 'Access to Arrochar, Succuth and Ardgarten' and the 'Businesses Open as usual' signs into the inside straight ahead lane. The two signs forming the physical block will both have positive messages regarding access ahead.

It is proposed that this is trialled when the OMR is next closed, at 9:00pm tonight and we will monitor it and gauge its success.

