

Roads Network in Badenoch and Strathspey

Road Authority Responsibilities and Contact Details

Road Maintenance and Improvement

Highland Council is responsible for determining priorities and spend in respect of local road improvements and maintenance throughout Badenoch & Strathspey. Each year a programme of activity is drawn up which takes into account the condition of the road network in that year and is priority based. By local roads, we mean all those that are adopted by the Council, excluding trunk roads (in our area, the A9, A86, A889 and A95).

Prior to any work being carried out on local roads, the programme is considered by the elected Members for each ward who can and do question priority decisions. Local communities are free to make representations to their local elected Members or Ward Manager to have any particular local road included in any year's programme.

In terms of special needs, the Highland Council has a rolling programme for installing dropped kerbs at key locations to ensure that all users of the road and footways are able to use the road without hindrance. Meetings are held on a regular basis with the Access Panels to discuss and agree priorities

Transport Scotland is responsible for determining spend on the A9, A889, A86 and A95 trunk roads as trunk road authority using Transerv Scotland Ltd and BEAR Scotland Ltd, the operating companies for these roads.

These arrangements do not include roadworks undertaken as a result of the requirements of other services, like water, telecommunications and so forth – these organisations have to apply for permission to work on the roads and pavements, and our councillors are taking steps now to improve the information flow to both ourselves and the public about when these works might be carried out.

Traffic Speeds

The Council as local roads authority is responsible for the provision of speed limits on A, B and C class roads in Badenoch and Strathspey. There are strict criteria for these speed limits and all revisions to speed limits are the subject of Road Traffic Orders which are published in draft form allowing a 28 day period for user representations to be lodged. These have to be considered and resolved and if not resolved, the matter goes to the Scottish Ministers for a final decision prior to the making of any order.

The Highland Council generally funds all these measures and decides on priorities. Prior to the installation of any new speed limits road speed and vehicle type surveys are carried out and are kept on file for future reference. Prior to the publication of any proposed draft traffic order a number of statutory consultees have to be consulted. Included in this list are the local Community Councils and the local elected Members.

Snow Clearance, Salting and Gritting

The Highland Council is responsible for snow clearance, salting and gritting of all roads on the local road network. A winter maintenance plan for each year is drawn up which defines the priorities and which roads are to receive evening precautionary gritting.

In Badenoch and Strathspey, priority 1 roads are the A938 Blackmount to Dulnain Bridge road, the A939 Grantown on Spey to Dava, and Grantown on Spey to Bridge of Brown.

Priority 2 roads are the B9150 Ralia to Newtonmore, the B9152 Kingussie to Granish, the B9153 Kinveachy to Carrbridge, the C39 Deshar through Boat of Garten and B970 Boat of Garten Junction to A95 junction.

Priority 3 roads are the B970 Kingussie through to Boat of Garten junction, the B9102 Grantown on Spey to Knockando road, the C38 ski road and the B9007 Ferness road, together with some minor link roads to trunk and priority 1 roads.

Priority 4 roads are all other roads in Badenoch and Strathspey which are treated as resources permit.

Only priority 1 and 2 roads receive an evening pre-grit.

The Trunk Road network in Badenoch and Strathspey is treated by Scotland Transerv for the A9, A889 and A86 and BEAR (Scotland) Ltd for the A95.

Street Cleansing

The Highland Council is responsible for street cleansing in all public open space including parks, play areas and roadside verges. It is also responsible for identifying and investigating areas of fly tipping. There is a regular programme of routine street cleansing but the Council is pleased to receive information from the public when littering has taken place which needs special action.

Contact Details

Highland Council

- E-mail enquiries to Badenoch&Strathspey.TecsAdmin@highland.gov.uk
- Telephone enquiries to 01540 664925

Transerv

- Email enquiries to John.McFadzean@scotland.transerv.co.uk
- Telephone enquiries to 01738 455300
- Defects can also be reported on 0800 0281414

BEAR Scotland

- E-mail enquiries or complaints to be directed to enquiries@bearsotland.co.uk
- Telephone enquiries to our freephone number (0800 028 1414 or 0800 587 1107). These are national numbers for all trunk roads and do therefore direct via a call centre. The staff at the call centre will not necessarily have a detailed knowledge of the network, but will direct your call to someone in BEAR who does.
- Defects can also be reported via our website (www.bearsotland.com)

Transport Scotland

- For information on the trunk road network and projects www.transportscotland.gov.uk
- For traffic situations www.trafficscotland.org