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A9 Dualling: Pitlochry to Killiecrankie project

I am writing to provide you with an update on the A9 Dualling: Pitlochry to Killiecrankie project. I am pleased to inform you that we have formally begun the procurement for the dualling of the A9 between Pitlochry and Killiecrankie as set out in the A9 Dualling Programme delivery plan. It is anticipated that the construction contract for this project will be awarded in Autumn 2026 and the new dual carriageway is expected to be operational by the end of 2030.

As part of preparing for this procurement we undertook ground investigation work in the area between October 2024 and February 2025, which have provided information to support tendering, design and construction of the Pitlochry to Killiecrankie project.

We have a further programme of advance works commencing in late Summer 2025 ahead of contract award to help to reduce risks to the main construction contract. These advance works will include ecological surveys, private water supply monitoring, asbestos surveys, tree felling, demolitions and archaeological surveys. Network Rail will also progress work to create access tracks and a site compound area, that will allow Network Rail to construct under track railway crossings to facilitate drainage connections under the railway.

We will write to those affected directly by works nearer the time and will provide further updates on the progress of the procurement process and advance works later this year. You can also find information on any upcoming works on the [Transport Scotland](https://www.transport.gov.scot) and [A9 Dualling](https://www.a9dualling.scot) websites.

Social Value Programme

Through the implementation of our A9 Social Value Programme, we aim to contribute significantly through the planned investment in this area to deliver social, economic and environmental outcomes which are fair, appropriate and proportionate to the communities impacted by the A9 Dualling whilst also supporting local economic growth and minimising the impact on the environment.

The contractor for the project will have specific targets for local and regional employment and training opportunities including opportunities for apprenticeships, graduate placements and work experience. These opportunities will also support the established education programme for the A9 Dualling Programme, Academy9, which aims to encourage and inspire young people into science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers. Academy9 have already engaged with schools in the local area and will continue to do so throughout the project including planned events at Pitlochry High School, Pitlochry Primary School and Breadalbane Academy.

The project will also encourage decarbonisation through inclusion of incentivised carbon targets, waste management requirements and material reuse requirements.

In the meantime, should you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the A9 Dualling: Pitlochry to Killiecrankie Project Team at A9Dualling@transport.gov.scot. Further information and background on the Project and A9 Dualling Programme can be found at <https://www.a9dualling.scot/a9-dualling/>.

You can subscribe to future editions of the route-wide A9 Dualling Programme newsletter by signing up at <https://www.a9dualling.scot/engage/register/>.

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You are receiving this update as we have reason to believe you may have an interest in the progression of the dualling works between Pitlochry and Killiecrankie. If you do not wish to receive further updates from us, please let us know by contacting the team by the means noted above.

Yours sincerely,



Joel Morrison

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