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Dear Residents,

I want to provide an update on the ongoing roadworks, which began as a project to remove trees and manage rockfall, post storm Darrah back in December 2024. The scope of this undertaking has unfortunately expanded significantly due to the unexpected failure of two retaining walls on the lower side of the road, leading to an estimated £500,000 worth of additional work.

I understand the inconvenience this extended timeline has caused, and please be assured that DCC are actively working to address these challenges.

The team is dedicated to designing and implementing solutions as quickly and efficiently as possible to reopen the road. Everyone recognises the vital role this road plays for the community, especially with the school holidays approaching. The contractor has been given a firm deadline to complete the necessary safety works to enable the road to open by the start of the school holidays.

In an ideal scenario, it would be preferable to complete all works in one continuous effort. However, due to the nature of the terrain and the critical importance of reopening the road for the community, DCC are prioritising getting the road into a safe condition for public use as soon as possible.

Please be reassured that everyone is working diligently towards this reopening date, a small warning though it is subject to the ability to ensure the road is entirely safe for use.

I also want to make you aware that contractors will need to return after the summer period to complete the remaining works.

Thank you for your understanding and continued patience as work continues to improve our local infrastructure. I appreciate your

support as we strive to minimise disruption and ensure the safety of our community.

Best Wishes,

Andrea

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