

Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) and core path access at Kinellan compound

A Recreational Access Management Plan (RAMP) has been prepared for the Kinellan compound to assess and manage any potential impacts on recreational access during construction activities. The plan was developed by RJ McLeod and updated following comments from The Highland Council.

The assessment identified Core Path RC10.03 (The Mains of Coul) and the associated farm track access towards Loch Kinellan as the principal recreational routes in the vicinity of the compound. The intention is for Core Path RC10.03 to remain available for public use throughout the works.

As part of the construction programme, the site parking area has been relocated away from the immediate vicinity of the core path within the main compound. Construction of the new core path crossing arrangements was completed last week. The crossing allows public access to be maintained while providing appropriate separation between path users and construction activities.

The section where the core path interfaces with the construction access route is approximately 45 metres in length and will remain in place for the period it is required to support the construction works before being reinstated on completion.

The measures included within the RAMP include:

- Maintaining public access along the core path throughout construction activities.
- Providing a designated route alongside the access track, with fencing used where required to separate path users from construction operations.
- Installing warning signage and traffic-calming measures at the interface between the access route and the core path.
- Installing timber post-and-rail chicanes and associated signage in both directions along the core path to encourage reduced speeds and increase awareness of crossing points.
- Implementing a 15mph speed limit for construction traffic using site tracks.
- Requiring all drivers to comply with site rules and give due consideration to pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

Core path signage has been in place since the commencement of works. Additional signage, including directional and diversion signage where required, has been installed alongside the new crossing arrangements, with further updates made if required as works progress.

We have requested confirmation from the contractor that all mitigation measures contained within the RAMP have been implemented as planned, including confirmation that appropriate signage remains in place on the approaches to the core path crossing.

Compound durations

For ease of reference, the locations of the compounds referred to below are provided here:

- Kinellan compound: Located in the Kinellan area, near Loch Kinellan. A location map can be viewed here: [Kinellan compound location map](#).

- Faebait compound: Located slightly west of Faebait Farm, several miles west of Muir of Ord. A location map can be viewed here: [Faebait compound location map](#).
- Black Bridge compound: Located adjacent to the A835 between Glascarnoch Dam and Inchbae Lodge. A location map can be viewed here: [Black Bridge compound location map](#).

The Kinellan, Faebait and Black Bridge compounds have been established to support the delivery of the wider project works and will remain operational for varying periods depending on construction and operational requirements.

Based on current programme assumptions, **Faebait compound** is expected to remain operational until **around late 2029**, while **Kinellan and Black Bridge compounds** are currently anticipated to remain operational until **around late 2031**.

These timescales are indicative and based on the current programme. They remain subject to change as project requirements develop and future phases of work are refined.

All compounds will be removed and the land reinstated once project activity has been completed. Any significant changes to compound operations or anticipated durations will be communicated to stakeholders as appropriate.