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Dear resident,

Advance notice – Tree and vegetation management operations

Following a number of recent tree failures and the general significant decline in the structural condition of the trees on our land bordering the A3 through Glen Helen, there is a real risk that a large proportion of these trees have the potential to fall onto the roadway. The areas affected are the Vaaish plantation, Glen Helen Fields and the area surrounding the car park at Glen Helen.

The Department has a very clear duty to reduce this risk to as low a level as reasonably possible and the decision has been taken to remove these hazardous trees at short notice. We are also taking the opportunity to remove invasive vegetation at the same time.

Due to the proximity of the trees to the A3, there will be a certain amount of disruption to the traffic flow through Glen Helen as our contractors work. We have identified a method of working that will keep this disruption to a minimum whilst allowing the safe and efficient removal of the trees and vegetation.

Lane closures managed by traffic lights for up to 8 weeks with 1 week of full road closure within that period.

- Traffic lights will allow our contractor to work safely from the roadway and maintain traffic flow throughout the majority of the works.
- These lights will be in place 24 hours a day to reduce the need for contractors to work in live traffic and will only contain the current work area (approximately a 150m span).
- As there are several pinch points where the working space is not sufficient to safely operate from a single lane, there will be a week of full road closures which will be in operation between the hours of 9.15am and 3.45pm to allow for commuting.
- A diversion will be in place and clearly marked using the Peel coast road.
- Access to residences within the closures will be maintained throughout.

Timings.

- Traffic light controls are due to commence **Monday 06/03/23** and will be in place until no later than **Friday 28/04/23**.
- The road closure will be in place from **Monday 27/03/23** to **Friday 31/03/23**.
- These restrictions are subject to change to accommodate external and operational factors within these dates, however the current phase of works will not extend beyond 28/04/23.

Should you have any further question, you can contact us on:

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