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Reference: KTRO/23/003

July 2023

Dear Occupier

**KESWICK AND SURROUNDING AREA TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)
REVIEW: U7003 THIRLMERE WESTERN SHORE ROAD**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of proposals to implement permanently traffic restrictions on the U7003 along the western shore of Thirlmere, as per the attached plan.

Following Storm Arwen in November 2021, a Prohibition of All Traffic restriction had been implemented on an emergency basis under a temporary Traffic Regulation Order, due to fallen trees, significant rockfall and debris on the highway. This made the road hazardous to all users. Damage was caused to adjacent land, known as Rough Crag, the responsibility of United Utilities.

Extensive assessments have been undertaken by United Utilities, in their responsibilities as landowner. The areas requiring assessment include the full face of Rough Crag and areas out of sight of the general public at the top and to the side of the crag. This included assessment of damage to trees, hazards of exposed and loose tree root plates and loose or fallen rock on the Rough Crag section. Further assessments are scheduled to gather more information relating to the condition of the hazardous area.

Discussions are ongoing with United Utilities to establish whether technical and engineering measures can/cannot be put in place to secure the areas and allow the road to reopen.

In the meantime, the hazards remain to all road users and therefore the prohibition of all traffic restriction (full road closure) at Rough Crag has to remain in place and be implemented on a permanent basis to continue the restriction in force. It should be noted that the proposed permanent Prohibition of All Traffic restriction is significantly reduced compared to the original extent, as shown in red on the attached plan.

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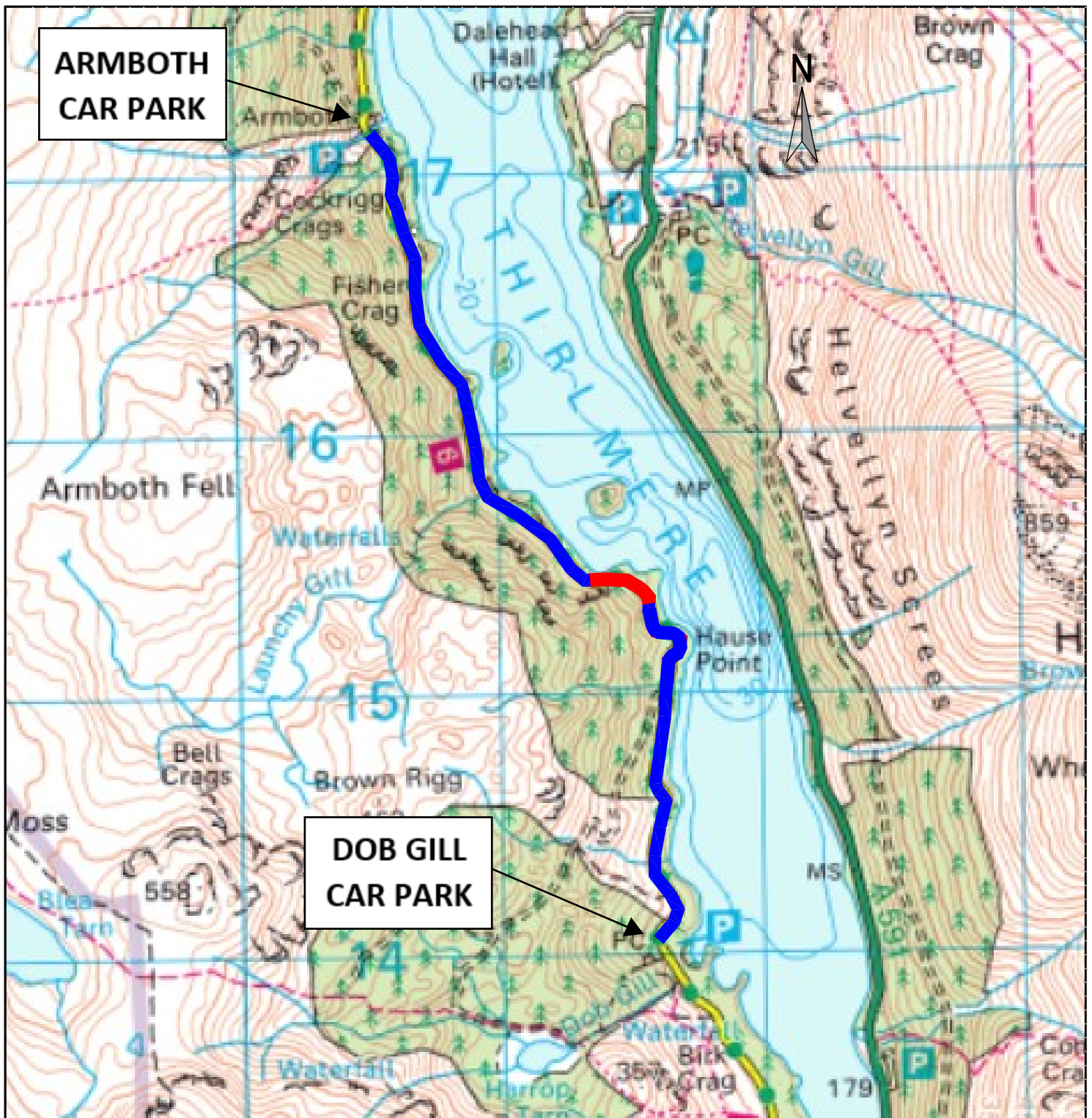
A Prohibition of Motor Vehicles restriction is also proposed along two sections of the U7003; between Dobgil car park and Hawse Point, and between Hawse Point to Armboth car park, as shown in blue on the attached plan. These sections permit access for pedestrians, horse-riders and cyclists where it is considered safe to do so, whilst providing suitable points for motor vehicles to turn.

This letter is to invite comments and feedback prior to statutory consultation and advertisement which will take place later in the year. Should you have any comments or questions relating to these proposals, please respond either by email or letter by Monday 7th August, labelling your correspondence "Thirlmere Western Shore Road closure" and quoting the proposal you are referring to.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Groom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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KEY

-  Proposed prohibition of all traffic (includes all vehicles, pedestrians and horse riders)
-  Proposed prohibition of motor vehicles (pedestrians and cyclists exempt)



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Thirlmere**

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