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one of **Scotland's** busiest roads through the site of one of Scotland's most historic battles.

The Battle of Killiecrankie in 1689 during the First Jacobite uprising is thought to be the first in Britain in which hand grenades were used -- a fragment of a grenade was found on the site in 2004.

Immortalised in song -- The Braes o' Killiecrankie -- Killiecrankie was also the first battle in which the plug bayonet is recorded as being used by British troops.

The Jacobites achieved a stunning victory over forces supporting the new government of William III but at enormous cost -- nearly one-third of the Jacobite force were killed including their leader John Graham, Viscount **Dundee**, who was fatally wounded towards the end

Transport Scotland has revealed the Killiecrankie to Glen Garry stretch of the £3 billion A9 dualling project is now "subject to statutory process" and an inquiry will take place in due course.

The move follows pressure from the

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objection period closed, they confirmed the number. The process has been flawed from the start. The area of the designated battlefield should have been central to the plan so that the sensitive part of it is not damaged.”

Mr MacLean said Historic Environment Scotland (HES) had highlighted “gaps” in Transport Scotland’s assessment methodology.

He said: “HES says that far too little research and fieldwork has been done on archaeological and physical remains relating to the battle of Killiecrankie and Transport Scotland has not understood the relevance or importance of the battlefield’s topography and landscape.

“Transport Scotland is now considering what extra metal detecting, geophysical studies and trial trench work needs to be done to satisfy HES’s demands. Exactly who will be responsible for archaeology studies still seems moot.”

A Transport Scotland spokesperson confirmed the public inquiry would now go ahead, adding: “This section of the A9

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