

KilliecrAnkie1689

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THE GLOVES ARE OFF

Ahead of the anniversary of the Battle of Killiecrankie, campaign group, KilliecrAnkie1689, unveils a new poster in a drive to boost support for a review of the proposed plans to dual the A9 over the battlefield.

The poster features the gloves which were worn by John Graham of Claverhouse, Viscount Dundee, the charismatic Jacobite leader who was mortally wounded leading his men to victory at the Battle of Killiecrankie on 27 July 1689.

As the local community gears up to commemorate the historic battle at the weekend, campaigners are hoping that the message that ‘the gloves are off’ will inspire new supporters to their cause.

“Transport Scotland’s proposal is hugely damaging to the battlefield,” says George MacLean of KilliecrAnkie1689. “Only one design has been studied in depth and that involves dumping thousands of tons of filler material on the most sensitive part of the battlefield.”

Transport Scotland has received 183 objections and is trying to resolve those that it can. Additional archaeological investigations were conducted in June. The results are expected to be made available in the autumn when Transport Scotland is also planning to arrange a drop-in event at Killiecrankie Village Hall to update the local community on the survey work.

However, campaigners believe that the proposed design cannot be made acceptable because it is fundamentally flawed. “The battlefield is completely unprotected against the A9 dualling project. The Scottish Ministers could

simply rubberstamp the proposal. The only thing that can stop this damaging plan is a public outcry.”

KilliecrAnkie1689 is not against upgrading the A9 but categorically rejects this design.

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1 Information on the A9 project Killiecrankie to Glen Garry, including the Environmental Statement and draft Road Orders, is available on Transport Scotland's website: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a9-dualling-perth-to-inverness/a9-killiecrankie-to-glen-garry/>

2. “The gloves are off” poster attached.

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