

# LOCHALINE FERRY TERMINAL PROJECT AWARDED TO GEORGE LESLIE LTD

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Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) has appointed George Leslie Limited to carry out work at Lochaline ferry terminal, commencing in May 2019.

The project will include the removal of the old aligning structure and the construction of a new one, as well as improving the overnight ferry berth at the terminal.

Extra marshalling space will be created, as part of works to formalise traffic flow through the port area. The project will also see the existing slipway widened and lengthened, and the berth area deepened, all of which will improve service resilience and remove the existing tidal constraint on the port.

In order to complete essential sections of the works, there will be a planned six-week closure period starting in October 2019, during which time CalMac will operate a passenger only service from another location.

CMAL and CalMac will host a public drop-in meeting early in 2019 in Lochaline to allow the local community to view proposals in more detail, and to discuss the alternative service arrangements during the closure period. Meeting details will be circulated and made available at a later date.

CMAL Senior Civil Engineer, John Quinn said:

“This project is part of our ongoing programme of harbour upgrades and modifications across our network to support safe and efficient lifeline ferry services to communities around Scotland.

“The aligning structure replacement works will safeguard and improve the facilities at Lochaline Ferry Terminal. We will work closely with the local community to keep them informed of the scope and nature of the work being carried out, as well as the service details during the closure period.”

David Gibson, Service Delivery Director, CalMac said: “CalMac are fully aware of the importance of this service and are absolutely committed to minimising the impact while these works are carried out.

“This is not without its challenges, but we will work with the communities to ensure we can best support them within the constraints presented by the closure.”

George Leslie Limited will start work on site in May 2019, and the project is expected to take 12 months.