

## Transport Scotland launches closed roads consultation

The SACU welcomes the news that Transport Scotland has launched a public consultation on proposals to enable motorsport on closed public roads.

Closed-road events help organisers take the sport to new audiences and deliver an economic boost to local hosting communities. As the sport's governing body, Motorsport UK has spent many years campaigning for new laws to allow these events in all four nations of the United Kingdom.

New powers enabling closed-road motorsport came into effect in England in April 2017, and in Wales in February 2018. Closed-road motorsport was already possible across Northern Ireland, where road closure orders have made famous events possible for decades.

In its consultation, Transport Scotland is seeking views on a possible event application process involving the relevant governing bodies and local authorities. The consultation can be found [here](#) and the deadline for responses is midnight on 28 January 2019.

The SACU, Motorsport UK and Scottish Motor Sports (SMS), the umbrella organisation representing the interests of both two- and four-wheel motorsport in Scotland, recently attended a meeting of the advisory group that assisted in developing the consultation.

Sandy Mack, Chairman of the SACU, said: "This is great news for us and our four wheeled partners in motorsport in Scotland. We are committed to promoting our sport in all its forms, new closed-road regulations would create opportunities to expand what we do now and develop new events in the future. We would urge the two wheeled motorsport community to respond positively the consultation and help us realise the possibility of closed-road events in Scotland"

Tom Purves, Chairman of Scottish Motor Sports (SMS), said: "This is an important step on the road back to closed-road motorsport in Scotland. It is now vital that the Scottish motorsport community gets behind this consultation and delivers a clear message of support for these proposals, which would allow us not only to revive world-renowned events but also to take different forms of motorsport to new parts of our country."

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The Consultation document can be found here <https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/motorsports-on-closed-public-roads>