

Chapman's Peak Drive closed after rockfalls

THE Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works has announced the closure of Chapman's Peak Drive until further notice.

Departmental spokesman Byron La Hoe said several rocks had fallen on to the road on the Noordhoek end "and caused significant damage to two catch fences and the road surface".

"Geotechnical engineers visited the site and put a remedial action plan in place," La Hoe added.

The road would be closed for

three to four weeks. It would be opened as soon as it was safe to do so.

"The area is very exposed to strong winds.

"There is also a high risk of rockfalls and mudslides down the steep mountain slopes," La Hoe said.

Motorists were advised to use Ou Kaapse Weg as an alternative route, he said.

"Motorists can expect road closures on Chapman's Peak Drive this winter whenever there are high-risk weather conditions." – ANA