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Local Review Body
Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority
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Carrochan Road
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Permission Appeal – Application Reference Number 2014/0047/DET

I am writing to you with my appeal to remove restrictions on planning permission granted by Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park on May 7th 2014. Please be aware that at the time of my original application, my address was 3 The Square, Cladich, PA33 1BQ but has recently changed to the address listed above.

I am appealing against restrictions on approved planning permission for my Snack Van business at the Loch Lubhair Lay-by. The planning approved gives me an unexplained restriction to trade between 1st March and 31st October only. It was always my intention to start this business to trade throughout the year to support my family and avoid being on benefits. I was not previously aware of any period restriction and historically (prior to National Parks) there were no period restrictions. As well as this, the two other Snack Van businesses within Lomond and Trossachs National Park, located at top of the Rest and Be Thankful and the top of Glen Ogle, do not have this restriction.

I have spoken with local police, Stirling Council Planning Department and National Park Rangers and we are all in agreement that the business at this location throughout the year is of benefit as it not only promotes safety in driving in the winter by providing a safe place to get off the road to have something hot to eat or drink but also deters against misuse of the land – people are less likely to litter, fly tip or fish illegally if someone is there on a daily basis. Although, at first this business may be considered a tourist trade, it is not. My main source of business comes from lorry drivers who are on the road all year and many have voiced their concerns about this service not being available when it is most needed (in the colder winter months).

Finally, my main concern would be how detrimental it is to my business in the whole to close for this period of time. It has taken considerable amount of time to build a client and regular users base and I worry that would then mean having to rebuild this again in March. I have worked very hard to build a reliable and high quality business and believe it would be wrong to shut it down. Although previously raising concerns about this matter with the Planning

Agent, I have been waiting to judge how much of my business is not tourist trade to assess more accurately the impact closing in the winter would have on my business.

I would suggest the most appropriate method of handling this appeal would be a review of all relevant information provided by myself and other parties with no further procedure or the holding of one or more hearing sessions on specific matters.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided,

Yours sincerely,

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FOI/EIR: Yes/No

Complaint: Yes/No