



EIR Ref: 2018/033

6th December 2018

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

We refer to your email of 25th September 2018 and clarification of 23rd October 2018. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The Park Authority has an obligation to deal with your request under the EIRs and an option to also deal with your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), unless the public interest lies in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs. We consider that the public interest in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs outweighs the public interest in also dealing with your request under FOISA, on the basis that the public interest is not served by duplicating consideration of your request under both regimes. We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below:

"In the Balloch Charrette update issued in September 2018 a link was given to the Balloch Charrette Action Plan but no update on progress was given apart from the Village Square (one of the lower priorities under the Action Plan). Please could you confirm to me whether there is a Steering Group overseeing the implementation of the action plan? "

The Park Authority can confirm that a Steering group was set up for overseeing the implementation of the action plan.

"If so, please provide me with all papers and minutes for meetings and any reviews of progress against the timescales set out in that plan since it was agreed until the present."

Agendas and minutes for steering group meetings are attached in Appendix A.

Reports on progress have been published on an online blog, for example:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/development-delivery/live-in-balloch/balloch-charrette-update-september-2018/>

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"I note from the Action Plan the LLTNPA is lead for:

1) Event Strategy and Plan

2) Signage strategy and and commitment under that to develop a signage and development plan

3) A new connection across the River Balloch

4) Collaborative Review of Pier Area

This was a significant commitment, with actions set out for 1-2 years (which should now be complete), 2-5 years and longer-term and I am surprised that no reports appear to have made to the Board about progress. Please could you provide me with the strategies and plans agreed under points 1) or 2) which should have been produced by now or if this has not been delivered either a summary of what progress has been made to date or, if you do not wish to provide me with this, all information the LLTNPA holds about the development of these two strategies and plans."

1) Event Strategy and Plan – Following charrette feedback in favour of developing more events for Balloch, the focus was on a festival held in the village as part of the European Championships 2018 Cultural Programme. Lessons learnt from this event will be used to produce an events and festivals toolkit for Balloch and other communities in the National Park.

2) Signage strategy and commitment under that to develop a signage and development plan – A public consultation on signage was held in March 2018 asking for feedback on proposals. Details can be found at: <https://ballochproposals.commonplace.is/news>

The results of the public consultation will feed into the finalised signage.

"In relation to points 3 and 4 I would like to ask whether any work has been initiated in these two areas to date and if not when this might commence - again, if you are not prepared a simply clear answer to this I would ask for all information the LLTNPA holds relating to these two actions points since they were agreed."

3) A new connection across the River Balloch – It is noted that Scottish Enterprise and West Dunbartonshire Council are listed as lead partners with the Authority. See information held in Appendix A.

4) Collaborative Review of Pier Area – See information held in Appendix A.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix available on request

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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