



EIR Ref:2016/032

17th August 2016

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

Thank you for your request for information, received by email on 19th July 2016.

We have applied the exemption under Section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as we have determined that the information sought in your request is environmental information. We are therefore handling your request under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). In this case the public interest in maintaining this exemption and in dealing with the request in line with the requirements of the EIRs outweighs any public interest in disclosing the information under FOISA.

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

“I have found out today the proposed location of Camping places as spread throughout the park, as a stakeholder I would like to know more about the camping provision your are proposing so can you direct me to the documents on the web site?”

There is no relevant information on our website. The Park Authority is currently developing camping management plans, details of which will be discussed at a Board meeting in the near future. This request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, and is therefore exempt from release under R10(4)(d) of the EIRs.

The Public Interest Test was carried out in relation to the information to be withheld under Regulation 10(4)(d) of the EIRs. In this case, we recognise that Regulation 10(2)(b) requires the Park Authority to apply a presumption favour of disclosure. We have considered the public interest in disclosure of the information and considered the effect of releasing the requested information in response to this enquiry and subsequently into the wider public domain.

Requests for such information are considered by the Park Authority on a case by case basis. In this case, it was determined that the public interest would not be served by the release of the information at this time. We advise upon the completion of our camping management plans that this information will be made available on our website.

“If these documents are not on the website can you tell me how I would access them?”

As explained above, this work is currently in development and exempt from release under R10(4)(d) of the EIRs.

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“I'm looking for details on the 4 management zones East and West Loch Lomond, North and West Trossachs where the campsites are to be sited and the distribution of the camping pitches?”

Work on campsites and camping pitches is currently in development and exempt from release under R10(4)(d) of the EIRs. The Public Interest Test was carried out in relation to the information to be withheld under Regulation 10(4)(d) of the EIRs. In this case, we recognise that Regulation 10(2)(b) requires the Park Authority to apply a presumption favour of disclosure. We have considered the public interest in disclosure of the information and considered the effect of releasing the requested Information in response to this enquiry and subsequently into the wider public domain.

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“Can you also give me some insight as to why there is not a far greater distribution of camping places in the East and West Loch Lomond areas as they would seem to be the key areas for access from Glasgow?”

Work on camping places is currently in development and exempt from release under R10(4)(d) of the EIRs. The Public Interest Test was carried out in relation to the information to be withheld under Regulation 10(4)(d) of the EIRs. In this case, we recognise that Regulation 10(2)(b) requires the Park Authority to apply a presumption favour of disclosure. We have considered the public interest in disclosure of the information and considered the effect of releasing the requested Information in response to this enquiry and subsequently into the wider public domain.

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Yours sincerely

Information Officer
info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Review Procedure

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

- Lodge a written request for a review 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 Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, whichever is the later.

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- Include your name, address for correspondence, a description of the original request, and the reasons why you are dissatisfied; and

address your review request to the Governance & Legal Services Manager:

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Please note that links provided to information available elsewhere are intended to assist you. Requests for information held by other public authorities, and any complaints regarding access to such information should be addressed to that authority. These review procedures relate only to information which is directly under the control of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority.

The review of your request 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 Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, at:

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