



EIR Ref: 2018/037

14th December 2018

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 15th November 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.

“Camping stakeholder meeting 8th November: please provide me with all slides presented at this meeting along with all speakers notes/information referred to by speakers from the LLTNPA presenting the slides”

Briefing notes, slides and agenda from the camping stakeholder meeting of 8th November 2018 are attached in Appendix A as follows:

- 1 Agenda
- 2 Camping Development Strategy outline
- 3 Meeting outline
- 4 Speaker notes
- 5 Staff briefing
- 6 Slides

Names of external third parties attending this meeting have been removed from the internal staff briefing notes. Names of staff at lower grade than manager level have been removed from meeting notes.

This information has been withheld from release under Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs, as it is

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Therefore the disclosure of this information, which is not the personal data of the requester, would contravene the Data Protection Act 2018. This means that there is no requirement to consider the public interest in the disclosure of this information.

“Board Visit to camping management zones/campsites in May: please provide me with all the information the LLTNPA holds about these visits, including visit schedule, communications to Board Members, any briefing materials and any follow up actions”

Information from the Park Authority Board visit to camping management sites and campsites in May 2018 is attached in Appendix B as follows:

- 1 Itinerary
- 2 Staff briefing note
- 3 Emails to Board members

Names of staff at lower grade than manager level have been removed from the staff briefing note. This information has been withheld from release under Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs, as it is personal data of which the requester is not the data subject. The release of this information would contravene the second and sixth Data Protection Principles as it was gathered for one specific purpose and has been processed in accordance with the rights of the individuals concerned.

The emails sent to the personal accounts of Board Members to confirm attendance and shoe size for the provision of safety boots have been withheld from release under Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs. This information is personal data of which the requester is not the data subject. The release of this information would contravene the second and sixth Data Protection Principles as it was gathered for one specific purpose and has been processed in accordance with the rights of the individuals concerned.

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“Finally, the Board Meeting in September approved a consultation on a new Core Paths Plan. There appears to be no information as yet in public (there has been no update to the consultations section of the LLTNPA website since April 2017). Has the consultation been launched, if so where can one find details, and if not when does the LLTNPA envisage the launch taking place?”

A public consultation on a new Core Paths Plan was launched by the Park Authority on 23rd November 2018. Details can be found on our website at:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/get-involved/consultations/core-paths-plan-review/>

Yours sincerely

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Appendices 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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Kinburn Castle
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