

EIR Ref: 2016/067

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## **REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 15th December 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.

**“it would be very useful if you could check up exactly what has happened under the East Loch Lomond camping byelaws in relation to prosecutions. You mentioned that you thought that there had been two cases reported to the Procurator Fiscal. No doubt within the Park files there will be details of these important events so I would be pleased if you could dig them out for me.”**

To date, there have been three cases reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to the East Loch Lomond Camping Byelaws 2011. As these cases were all reported by the Police, the Park Authority does not hold details of them. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

This information would be held by Police Scotland and the Procurator Fiscal service. You may submit requests for information to these organisations, details of how to do so can be found on the Police Scotland website at: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

And the Fiscal website at: <http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information/unpublished-information>

**“I had heard of one case when it appeared that the person charged under the camping byelaws had refused to plead, at three court appearances, until the PF abandoned the case at the third appearance. Not sure if this is accurate, so it would be good to see what the Park understands did happen once an attempt at prosecution was initiated”.**

The Park Authority understands that the Procurator Fiscal made a decision based on the individual circumstances of this case, that it was not in the public interest to continue the

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prosecution and that each case is considered on its own merits. The Procurator Fiscal has confirmed that just because this decision was taken in this case, it does not mean that any other prosecution would be treated in the same way.

**“If you can send me any documentation that indicates that staff have previously been considering exit signs and if the exit sign issue has previously been put before Board members that would be appreciated.”**

The subject of exit signage was formally raised by a Board Member at the Board meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 during discussions on signage. While discussion of signage has been ongoing, for the specific subject of exit signs there is no relevant information held. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that there is no relevant information held.

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team  
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

#### 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.
- 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:

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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.

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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:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
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KY16 9DS

Tel: 01344 464 610

Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)

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## **EIR 2016/067 Staff consideration of exit signage**

### **Progress Report for Your Park Project Board**

<b>Report date</b>	<b>Topic heading</b>	<b>Update</b>
16.07.2015	Signage	Focus on understanding what signs are out there on the ground, the experience of ELL and then mapping entry / exit points across the zones.
30.07.2015 and 31.08.2015	Signage	Currently analysing entry and exit points from proposed zones and considering whether the ELL hierarchy of signs is something that could be rolled out in other zones moving forwards. Or whether alternative models need to be generated.

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### **Board Business Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

#### Proposed Areas for a Byelaw Proposal

Briefings to Members have focussed on the localised areas where the highest negative pressures currently occur and where information is gathered by the NPA. There is a need to think about more expansive areas as management zones so that;

- a. Potential displacement is addressed and managed
- b. The camping management zones are coherent to the public, reducing the risk of confusing visitors with too many different camping management zones and multiple signage.

For this reason it is proposed that the visitor management zones which have been previously been discussed are merged into logical, easy to understand camping management areas. It is therefore proposed that there are altogether three camping management zones in the Park (shown on appended Map 1) as follows;

1. West Loch Lomond (North of Loch Lomond Golf Course-Falls of Falloch)
2. East Loch Lomond (as existing – possibly consider boundary amendments)
3. The Trossachs Lochs (a continuous area from Loch Chon to Loch Earn)

The areas now proposed have been defined to be much easier to communicate through road and foot/cycle path entry/exit signage. The proposal for all of these areas would be the same.