



FOI Ref: 2015/050

26th November 2015

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your 22nd request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, received by email on 1st November 2015. Your specific requests and the relevant information held by the Park Authority are provided below.

The Carrick path network is 'detached from the main network although on the Core Path Plan of 2010 the links are clearly shown. Are there plans to address this?

On 13th October 2015 the Park Authority Recreation and Access Advisor assessed the public access infrastructure at the Carrick golf club. The Park Authority is broadly satisfied with current visitor provision on the cycle route, the board walks and path surfaces are in good condition, free of encroachment, and the signage plan has been implemented. However, it was also noted the following additions would improve access and the visitor experience;

- 1) For clarity, the 1st visitor information sign located at Inchmurrin ferry terminal requires reorientation
- 2) A new directional finger post is required near the 14th hole
- 3) Directional signage is required at southern entrance (Arden roundabout)
- 4) Directional signage is required at northern entrance (Colquhoun gates)
- 5) Signage maintenance / cleaning

These improvements have been discussed with a representative of the Carrick, and the Recreation and Access Advisor will collaborate with the club with the aim to deliver the improvements by Spring 2016.

There is nothing on the signage plan indicating the correct turn-off onto the path from just before the Inchmurrin Ferry. Are there any plans to remedy this?

Is there any information on actions that have been taken as a result of the site visit by staff?

During the site visit in October, it was noted that visitor information near Burnfoot Farm and the Inchmurrin ferry terminal would also benefit from improvement. The Recreation and Access Advisor will progress these with the appropriate parties for Spring 2016.

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Are there any updates on the Auchengavin access and signage?

The Park Authority Recreation and Access Advisor has discussed localised access with the Auchengavin tenants, and also with the landowner. Neither party has any concerns with recreational access on the track near Auchengavin, and the redundant directional signage has now been removed.

Has there been any progress on removing the 'no camping' signs at the east end of Loch Earn?

Work continues to identify and contact the relevant landowners for this and other signage in the area that is not appropriate under the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Is there any information on a Park Authority response to the Local Access Forum report on the Beinn Ghlas Farm bridge/gates?

We are still waiting for the report from the Access Forum. This means that we currently have no relevant information held.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

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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:

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- address your review request to the Director of Corporate Services:

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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.

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