



EIR Ref 2016/064

21st December 2016

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 22nd November 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.

The slides referenced in this request were used at non-public meetings where updates are given to Park Authority Board members on the on-going business of the Park Authority.

“provide me with all information the Park holds on its proposals for discretionary spend in relation to the camping strategy both before and after November 2015, including any proposals it made to the Scottish Government for discretionary spend and the Scottish Government's response.”

The slide referenced in this request listed areas of business that at the time the slide was created, were under consideration. This slide is out of date. The Park Authority did not create a proposal for discretionary spend in relation to the camping strategy, and did not submit a proposal to Scottish Government for discretionary spend, therefore there is no response from Scottish Government on this subject. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

“what financial elements of the camping strategy approved by the Board in October have required discretionary spend and been approved by the Scottish Government.”

No elements of the camping strategy approved by the Park Authority Board in October 2016 have required discretionary spend, therefore there has been no approval required from Scottish Government. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

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“clarify whether the delivery of the camping strategy approved by the Board in October requires the Park to enter any lease arrangements”.

The camping strategy approved by the Board in October 2016 will require the Park Authority to enter into lease arrangements. To date, the Park Authority has entered into one lease with The Scottish Ministers (on behalf of Forestry Commission Scotland) for use of the site at Loch Chon. The lease is being registered in the Books of Council and Session which is a public register from which anyone can order a copy deed on payment of the appropriate fee.

“provide me with all information you hold about Government approval of those lease arrangements.”

Issues relating to spend, lease arrangements and overall budget position are discussed regularly with our Scottish Government sponsor team as part of routine liaison meetings. In 2015 it was agreed in discussion with the Scottish Government (as part of routine liaison) that the Park Authority would only be required to seek formal approval for high value or major lease arrangements (particularly as the vast majority of lease work was not of significant value). Accordingly, I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that there is no relevant information held.

“provide me with any information you hold from the Scottish Government which sets out guidance or directions on the scope of lease arrangements.”

As explained above, issues relating to lease arrangements are discussed regularly with our Scottish Government sponsor team as part of routine liaison meetings. In 2015 it was agreed in discussion as part of routine liaison that the Park Authority would only be required to seek formal approval for high value or major lease arrangements, particularly as the vast majority of lease work was not of significant value. Accordingly, I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that there is no relevant information held.

“and any model lease you may have developed.”

The Park Authority does not have a model lease. Each lease entered into by the Park Authority will be agreed with the landlord on a case by case basis and shall be issued to the Park Authority by the landlord. 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:-

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- 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.

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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 Doubledykes Road
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