



EIR Ref: EIR 2018-011

26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 29<sup>th</sup> March 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 request and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

**“any correspondence that you may have had on the subject of strengthening the electricity transmission network in Argyll over the past 5 years. In particular I am interested in any correspondence which relates to connections or potential connections that would cross into the National Park area.”**

The Park Authority does not hold any correspondence on the subject of strengthening the electricity transmission network in Argyll over the past five years. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

However, we have a duty under S9(1) of the Regulations to provide advice and assistance to you, and we can suggest a few alternative sources of information which may be of use to you. The Park Authority has processed a number of planning applications which relate to electricity infrastructure. Details of these applications with the relevant planning references numbers are listed below. Each planning case will have supporting information in the file which may be helpful to you.

#### **LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

National Park Headquarters, Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG Long: 4°34'24"W Lat: 56°00'12"N  
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- 2013/0115/DET – Land North West of Duirland Farm, Glen Fruin – Approved  
Formation of temporary access roads to enable electricity pylon upgrade works
- 2012/0047DET – Sloy Switching Station, by Inveruglas - Approved  
Erection of building to house replacement switching station and formation of new access road and parking area

The following notifications under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 have also been received by the Park Authority:

- 2016/0118/NST – Cuilmuich Farmhouse  
Installation of a new 'H' pole to support a 200KVA transformer
- 2016/0081/NST – Drynain Hydro  
Erection of 1No. double pole replacing existing single pole
- 2016/0080/NST – Glen Finart Hydro  
Installation of 3No. poles, sub station and stay wire
- 2015/0357/NST – Land South of Teighness  
Erection of 3No. additional wood poles
- 2015/004/NST Donich Water Hydro Electric Station  
Installation of double pole
- 2013/0331/NST – North Of Carrick Castle  
Installation of three new single 11kv wooden poles
- 2013/0331/NST – South of Douglas Pier Primary Sub Station  
Installation of new pole
- 2013/0241/NST – Tullich Farm  
New single 11KV wood pole for a hydro connection
- 2013/0212/NST – Land South West of Village Inn  
Erection of six member 11KV wood pole structure
- 2013/0211/NST – Land South East of Stronchullin Farm  
New double pole structure for a hydro connection

All of the cases listed above can be viewed on our planning portal via the following link:  
<https://eplanning.lochlomond-trossachs.org/OnlinePlanning/?agree=0>.

Yours sincerely

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

#### Review Procedure

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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:

- 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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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority  
National Park Headquarters  
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Carrochan Road  
Balloch  
G83 8EG  
E-mail: [info@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:info@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

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:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS  
Tel: 01334 464610  
Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info)  
E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

Online appeal portal: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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