

EIR Ref: 2016/056

7th December 2016

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 8th 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.

"Please could you provide me with all information you hold on the number of Fixed Penalty Notices the LLTNPA has issued since June up until the end of October, including the location (if available), how many have been paid and how many have been referred to the Court system".

The number of FP notices issued by the Park Authority to date is one.

The location was the Forestry Commission Scotland Garadhban car park.

The penalty was paid.

There have been no referrals to the court system.

"I would also request copies of any internal papers or communications on how well the Fixed Penalty Notice system is operating and its impact."

As stated above, since the introduction of the FPN powers in July 2016, only one notice has been issued. No review has thus far been undertaken on how well the Fixed Penalty Notice system is operating and its impact. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

Relevant updates in relation to FPNs will be reported to the Park Authority Board. An update on the introduction of these powers was presented at the last Board meeting as follows: General Update: Monday 24th October 2016 Board Meeting – Agenda Item 9 – Organisational Update paper - Visitor Management Update - Section 6.1

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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.

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 St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

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