

Ref: EIR 2015/002

16th June 2015

Thank you for your request for information, received by email on 23rd May 2015 under the Environmental (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Your specific request and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

We are trying to ascertain the current status of the wallaby population on the island of Inchconnachan, Loch Lomond.

The island of Inchconnachan is privately owned. The National Park Authority is not aware of any recent changes to management affecting the wallabies.

I request, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and/or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, copies of all communications both internal and external, including letters, e-mails, memos, meeting minutes and notes, plus (should they exist) any transcripts or recordings of telephone calls, from January 2012 and referring to the wallabies on Inchonnachan.

Please find attached Appendix A containing email correspondence on the subject of the wallabies on Inchonnachan, from January 2012. The Park Authority has received several information requests on this subject. Details of these requests and the responses have been provided.

The names of people who made these requests have been removed, as this information is considered to be the personal data of specific individuals as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998, and (b) the release of the information requested would be in breach of the data protection principles as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998.

Therefore the exception from release of the information applies as specified under sections 11(2) of the Environmental (Scotland) Regulations 2004. This is an absolute exception under the Environmental (Scotland) Regulations 2004. An absolute exception is where there is no requirement to consider the public interest in the disclosure of the information, it is completely exempt from release.

The Park Authority worked with Luss Estates on the production of a management plan for Inchconnachan, which refers to the wallabies, a copy of the final report is attached, in Appendix B. An Ecology Report was also completed, attached as Appendix C.

There have been no meetings held specifically about the wallables, and there are no transcripts or recordings of telephone calls held on this subject.

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Yours sincerely

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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 University 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 the Director of Corporate Services:

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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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