



EIR Ref:2017/043

14th June 2017

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 16th May 2017.

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.

“I see from the last NPPP that your target was that 25% of the NP should have had integrated management plans in place by 2017. Please could you provide me with

a) a copy of all integrated management plans that have been agreed to date”

It is believed that you are referring to the target stated on page 20 of The National Park Partnership Plan 2012 – 2017:

“By 2017 25% of all private land in the National Park has a long term management plan”.

These plans have been withheld from release under R10(5)(e) as this information is commercially sensitive and its release would prejudice the commercial interests of the private landowners for whom these plans have been written.

Integrated land management plans are long-term management plans, written with the support of the Park Authority, which enable land managers to assess their current business operation as well as future environmental, social and economic opportunities available to them to develop their businesses going forward. These opportunities look to support not only the sustainable economic development of the individual business but also to explore opportunities which support National Park aims overall.

Land management plans contain commercially sensitive details of all aspect of a private business, including accounts analysis, income projections and capital costs. Disclosure of this information

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would, or would be likely to substantially prejudice the commercial business interests of private landowners.

The public interest in the release of this information has been considered. It has been concluded that there is a greater public interest in permitting the Park Authority to actively engage with private landowners within the National Park, assisting in the development of their business, through the production of integrated land management plans. The release of this information would adversely impact the commercial interests of these private landowners and undermine working relationships between the Park Authority and landowners within the National Park.

“b) information about what proportion of land in the Park these plans cover.”

The Park Authority has completed land management plans accounting for 18 private businesses, which equates to 29% of all privately owned land in the National Park having a long term management plan.

In response to your specific request, the proportion of completed land management plans amounts to 14% of land within the National Park.

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:

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