LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

EIR Ref: 2016/003

29th February 2016

Further your request for information, received by email on 1 February 2016, managed under the Environmental (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

Provide me with a site description or map for what land is covered by the records for the Loch Venachar Quay site, Beetle Bay and Loch Venachar Weirs and Dams.

The attached Appendix A shows a Ranger patrol guide map which is used as a guide for Ranger patrols in the area. Ranger patrols may be prioritised according to whether the Park Authority owns and is therefore responsible for the land, and on reports from previous patrols on any issues in particular areas.

Please clarify if the site includes the land south of the dams and adjacent to Linda McKay's property

The patrol site is shown on the map provided in Appendix A which includes land to the south of the Loch Venachar weir and dams.

Provide me with any photos or other information the parks holds about camping at these three "sites" where camping activity has been recorded, including complaints from local residents and contact with the local police.

Appendix B contains photographs of camping at Loch Venachar; other photographs are publically available via the Your Park page on flickr: https://www.flickr.com/photos/thisisyourpark]

Ranger patrol records have been sent to you, which include information about camping at the sites you have asked about. No relevant information regarding resident complaints about camping at these locations has been identified.

The Park Authority does not hold information about complaints made to the police about these sites. Details of how to request information from Police Scotland can be found on their website at: http://www.scotland.polic.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-informaiton/

Provide me with the planning documents related for the three planning applications in respect of Loch Venachar House which are not online.

This information is available on our website via the online planning portal:

http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/online-planning-information/menu-id-595.html

Therefore, although the Authority does hold the information that you have required, the information is exempt from release under S6(1)(b) of the Environmental (Scotland) Regulations 2004 as it is otherwise accessible.

Any information the Park holds on why application ref 02/00087/HAE/S was withdrawn

This planning application, made by a previous owner, was withdrawn following the case officer's communication that she was unable to support the proposal. The proposed extension was not considered to be of an acceptable design and the officer would have recommended refusal. This case pre-dates the Park Authority and was managed by Stirling Council.

Please provide me with all information the Park holds relating to approval being given for the demolished building materials being removed off site.

The Park Authority does not hold any information relative to a separate approval for demolished building materials being removed off site. The planning condition regarding reuse of material would only come into force when that planning permission commenced being implemented. This development did not take place. The planning documents can be accessed via the planning portal. The second application was determined in the clear knowledge that there were no recyclable materials to be used from the site and no condition was applied to that effect.

Please confirm whether the Park holds any other ranger patrol records part from those already provided to me (i.e. east and west Loch Lomond, Breadalbane 4a and 4b, Trossachs 3? If so, please provide these to me.

Ranger patrol records other than those already provided to you have been posted, as the information required is too large to send via email attachment.

Please could you provide me with the information you have used to inform the decision to provide 30 places at Loch Chon, including any records of camping activity?

Ranger patrol data which includes numbers of tents recorded at Loch Chon site has also been sent to you. The Park Authority press release of 26th January 2016, announced Initial plans for investment in improved camping, and "**proposed** that the picturesque site at Loch Chon will accommodate 30 tent pitches alongside facilities including a fresh water supply, waste disposal and toilets". These proposals have not been finalised. Work is now underway to fully develop the Park Authority's plans.

The information requested relates to proposals for camping investment, which are currently under development. Therefore, S10(1)(d) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 applies as the request relates to incomplete data which is commercially sensitive.

The public interest in the release of this information has been considered. It is recognised that there is public interest both from residents and visitors to the Park, in the plans to develop improved camping facilities. It has however been concluded that there is a greater public interest in permitting the project team to complete the work they have recently started in developing camping facilities at Loch Chon and other locations. The Park Authority will be providing details of the new camping provision to the public when these plans have been completed.

Keep Scotland Beautiful Audit - Please could you now either provide it or confirm to me what date you expect this report to be produced?

Park Authority staff met with Keep Scotland Beautiful two weeks ago and sought final clarification on minor points for the report, which we intend to publish within the next three months on our website.

Please provide me with any further evidence provided to Scottish Ministers about the bye law recommendations apart from that accompanying the Park convener's letter dated 18th May 2015 to the Minister and the photos embedded in the press release last week making the announcement.

The Park Authority did not provide any further evidence to Scottish Ministers following the submission of the Your Park proposals on 18th May 2015.

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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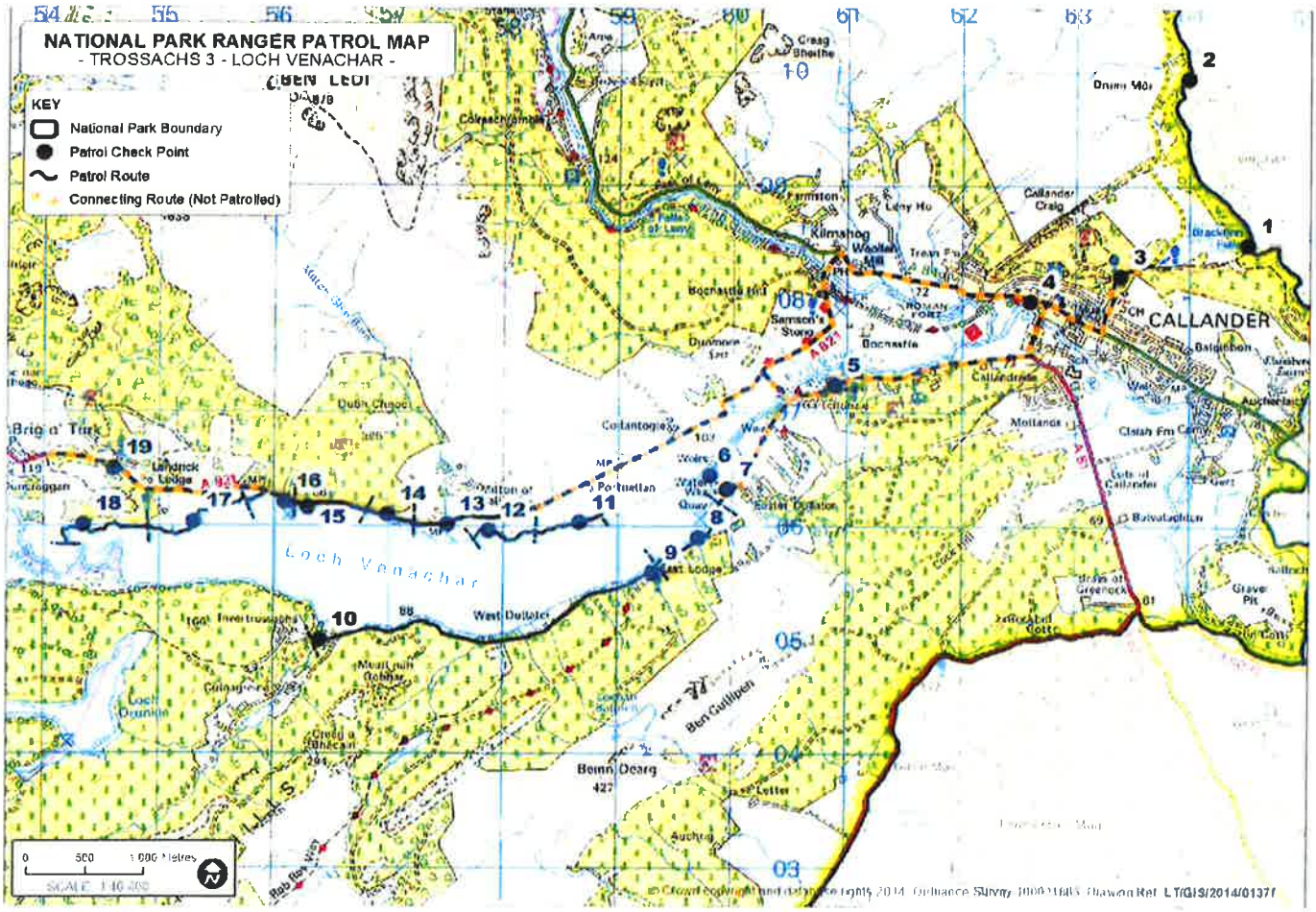
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01344 464 610
Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info


NATIONAL PARK RANGER PATROL MAP
- TROSSACHS 3 - LOCH VENACHAR -
KEY
National Park Boundary
Patrol Check Point
Patrol Route
Connecting Route (Not Patrolled)
CALLANDER
Loch Venachar
Ben Gullipen
Beinn Dearg
Kilmahog
Brig o' Turk
Portnellan
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