



EIR REVIEW Ref: 2017-018

27th March 2017

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DECISION UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004 (the “Regulations”)

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority received your request for review on 3rd March 2017 relating to your original request for information which you made on 3rd February 2017.

Basis of Request for Review

You initially asked whether Park Rangers were being redeployed from Milarrochy to “police the camping byelaws” and, if so, onto what duties they would be redeployed.

The Park Authority responded to say that as Park Authority Rangers have no police powers they would not be redeployed to police camping management byelaws and that therefore under S10(4)(a) information was not held.

The Park Authority also explained that: ‘The Ranger resource that was previously focussed at Milarrochy was never dedicated solely to that site. Staff working on site were part of a flexible team, deployed where and when needed across the National Park. This flexible approach to deployment will continue in 2017. Ranger patrols will continue to visit Milarrochy.’

In your review request you clarified to say:

“I was using the word “police” metaphorically rather than literally, so perhaps you could review my request and your response pasted below but for the avoidance of doubt I am asking for all information the Park holds on what duties these Rangers will be used on in future including ranger patrols.”

Decision

I have reviewed the response which was given and which was based on the text of your initial request. As it is not possible to tell whether a requester is using a word metaphorically, the Park Authority is obliged to interpret requests literally. As Park Authority Rangers do not have police powers it was correct to say that under S10(4)(a) of the EIRs no information was held about **LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

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duties which were police powers. Therefore I uphold the original decision.

Now that you have provided clarification I confirm that information is held about the duties of Rangers and this information is shown below which is as laid out in the job description.

KEY PURPOSE

To deliver a customer focused and holistic management service to local communities and visitors supporting the delivery of National Park outcomes.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Develop and support initiatives which promote an understanding of the National Park's special qualities and their responsible use.
- Assist in developing the necessary partnerships with other organisations, and engage landowners and the wider community to ensure the ongoing delivery of identified outcomes.
- Support the delivery of outcomes identified in the corporate and business plans especially in the areas of access and recreation, volunteering, biodiversity, culture and community.
- Ensure an effective and efficient point of contact and represent the National Park to visitors and the community on National Park matters.
- Support the sustainable management and monitoring of the National Park's infrastructure and natural and cultural resources.

Review Procedure

If you are not satisfied with this decision you are entitled to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. Please note that in order for an appeal to take place you must lodge your appeal within six months of the date of receipt of this letter.

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Yours sincerely,

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