



EIR Ref:2017/015

3rd March 2017

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 6th February 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.

“by what authority this decision was taken”

The decision to close the slipway at Millarrochy was taken by the Park Authority Executive team.

“Please also provide full statistics of all powered vessel launchings at the Millarrochy Slipway for 2014, 2015 and 2016.”

This information can be found on our website at:

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/rr-content/uploads/2016/07/March-Boat-launch-figures.pdf>

I can therefore advise under R6(1)(b) of the EIRs that this information is already publically available and accessible.

“state if there will be any Ranger presence at all at Millarrochy post 1st April, and what will be its deployed function, if not to assist in boat launching”

Ranger patrols will continue to visit Millarrochy to monitor this location, and provide information to visitors.

“ If no Rangers are to be deployed at Millarrochy, please state what their re-deployed duties will be, and where.”

The Ranger resource that was previously focused at Millarrochy was never dedicated solely to

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that site. Staff working on site were part of a flexible team deployed where and when needed across the National Park. It is not possible to identify where any specific Ranger time previously spent at Milarrochy will be deployed in 2017. Accordingly I have to advise under S10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

“ Please provide copies of the following Health & Safety Risk Assessments:”

“1) that by which unattended power boat launching was permitted as an acceptable Risk during summer weekdays in 2016, and”

“2) that which concluded that unattended power boat launch operation was an unacceptable Risk post 1st April 2017.”

Information is not held in the requested format. An assessment of the site at Milarrochy was undertaken in 2016 by the Ranger Service Manager, as part of a review of the site and staffing at this location. Advice was sought from our Health and Safety Adviser. Details have been put on our website at:

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/rr-content/uploads/2016/07/March-Health-and-Safety-advice.pdf>

I can therefore advise under R6(1)(b) of the EIRs that this information is already publically available and accessible.

“Please give details of any accidents in the past three years associated with power boat launching at Milarrochy, giving direct rise to personal injury.”

The Milarrochy site has been proactively managed by staff and to date there have been no accidents recorded in relation to the launching of boats at the slipway. Accordingly I have to advise under S10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

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

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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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Doubledykes Road
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