



EIR Ref: 2018/018

20th July 2018

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 15th July 2018. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The Park Authority has an obligation to deal with your request under the EIRs and an option to also deal with your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), unless the public interest lies in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs. We consider that the public interest in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs outweighs the public interest in also dealing with your request under FOISA, on the basis that the public interest is not served by duplicating consideration of your request under both regimes. We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

Your specific request and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

- 1. Has the authority outsourced its planning department (responsible for town and country planning)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?**

The Park Authority has not outsourced its planning department. Park Authority planning staff undertake the relevant functions of the Park as a Planning Authority.

- 2. Has the authority outsourced any part of its planning services (planning policy, development management, planning enforcement)? If so, who is responsible for providing these services?**

The Park Authority has not outsourced any part of its planning services, all planning functions are undertaken by Park Authority staff.

- 3. Please provide details of any company providing statutory planning services or service support for planning to the authority. If such provision exists, how long has the company provided services to the authority, how long does the contract last for and what is the value of the contract?**

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There is no company providing statutory planning services or service support for planning to the authority.

4. Are planning officers responsible for delivering the authority's town and country planning responsibilities employed directly by the council? If not, who are they employed by?

The Park Authority is not a council. Planning officers are employed directly by the Park Authority for delivering the Park Authority's planning responsibilities.

5. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to process planning applications on behalf of the authority? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

Private sector consultants are not used by the Park Authority to process planning applications on our behalf. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

6. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to develop planning policy on behalf of the authority? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

Private sector consultants are not used by the Park Authority to develop our planning policies. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

7. Is routine use of private sector consultants made to conduct planning enforcement work on behalf of the authority? If so, which company/companies are used for this and how much was paid for such consultancy in the 2017-18 financial year?

Private sector consultants are not used by the Park Authority to conduct planning enforcement work on our behalf. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(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 decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request 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 Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review 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 Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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