

EIR 2018-025

10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## **REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 13<sup>th</sup> August 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.

"I am writing to ask that you explain the reasons for the delay in the opening of Loch Achray campsite. I understand rumours are circulating that the water from the borehole is undrinkable but given the Loch Chon campsite has operated without a regular water supply for over a year I am not sure this can be correct. Given all the statements that have been made about the opening of the campsite I suggest this would be best explained publicly through a news release which could also offer an apology or a simple explanation by return but, failing that, I would request under FOI/EIR:

\* All information the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority holds about the **reasons for the delay in the opening of the Loch Achray campsite."** 

The information you requested can be found on our website here:

https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/blog/camping-national-park-update-september-2018/

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

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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:

Governance & Legal Team Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority National Park Headquarters Carrochan Carrochan Road Balloch G83 8EG

E-mail: info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

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:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife **KY16 9DS** 

Tel: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Online appeal portal: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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