



FOI Ref: 2015/045

17th November 2015

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your nineteenth request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, received by email on 19th October 2015. Your specific requests and the relevant information held by the Park Authority are provided below.

- 1) Was the abandoned car registered on your data base recording issues identified on Ranger Patrols (as referred to in previous correspondence e.g. FOI2015/007 Response)? If not, why not?**

The Ranger Service does not record abandoned vehicles on the patrol database, as the Park Authority is not responsible for dealing with such matters. We therefore do not have any formal record of the car in question.

- 2) Does the National Park have any policies or procedures in place to ensure that staff on the ground, such as rangers, report litter/amenity problems that the National Park is unable to address within its powers to the appropriate landowner or to the appropriate Council if it on publicly owned land? If so, please provide me with copies of these policies or procedures.**

The Park Authority does not have a specific policy or procedure to instruct front line staff dealing with litter or amenity issues they are unable to address directly. Rangers have access to information regarding relevant litter authorities & landowners on designated patrol routes, and report issues as they encounter them, but this is not formally recorded.

- 3) If the National Park does have policies or procedures on reporting amenity/litter issues, does the National Park record any information about the response of landowners to such problems?**

As stated above, the Park Authority does not have policies or procedures on reporting amenity/litter issues so we do not record this information nor do we keep records of responses from landowners and partner organisations.

When possible if we know who to pass information on to we will do so, the Park Authority is working to maximise the support we can provide to deal with issues outwith our control with the resources at our disposal. We work positively in partnership with other organisations and

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stakeholders within the National Park to address issues such as littering and abandoned vehicles through a variety of formal and informal channels. This includes:

- Direct contact with the four litter authorities that cover the National Park area to report issues, including Stirling, Perth & Kinross, West Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute Councils.
- Regular meetings with partners such as Forestry Commission, The National Trust and Police Scotland.
- Attendance at Community Council meetings.

In relation to your specific enquiries about the abandoned vehicle located off the A82, where a vehicle has been involved in a road traffic collision, the police would only uplift it under statutory powers if it is in a dangerous position on a road, if it is stolen, or at the request of the owner, at their own expense. The vehicle in question is in a field and would normally be uplifted by the insurance company. The vehicle is situated on land owned by Garabal Estate and the owner may be an absentee landlord.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

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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 the Director of Corporate Services:

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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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