



EIR Review Ref:2016/026

6th September 2016

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 12th August 2016 relating to your request for information about the Maid of the Loch.

In your initial request you had asked for information about what involvement or support the Park Authority gives to the Maid of the Loch.

Basis of Request for Review

In your email of 12th August 2016, you suggested that the Maid of the Loch ‘must be a priority for the Park Authority’. You asked about a publicity drive in relation to the refurbishment of the ship and you asked if Park Authority staff skills were offered to support the bid for finance.

Assessment of Relevant Information

I have examined your initial email and the Park Authority’s response, issued on 2nd August 2016. No information was withheld in this response. An explanation was given of the dialogue and support given by the Park Authority to the Board of the Maid of the Loch. This vessel is managed by an independent registered charity, the Loch Lomond Steamship Company. The Park Authority does not own or manage this vessel.

I am satisfied that all information about the Park Authority’s assistance, including during the Loch Lomond Steamship’s application for financial support to the Heritage Lottery fund has been provided to you.

Decision

Having reviewed the correspondence I have concluded that all relevant information was provided to you, and I uphold the initial response in its entirety. In relation to your additional question about ‘new water buses’ I have to advise that these are not owned by the Park Authority. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) that we have no information held about the cost of these vessels.

The water buses are owned and run by private operators with whom the Park Authority has made arrangements for the provision of water bus services on the loch.

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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