



EIR Review Ref : 2016/025

2nd 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 5th August 2016 relating to your request for information about camping provision at Loch Chon.

Basis of Request for Review

Details of your grounds for requesting a review are as follows:

In your review requests, submitted in three emails on 5th August 2016 you requested a review of Q2, 2b, 2c and Q5 section 2 of your initial request. The stated grounds for your review were that the Park Authority response "fails to answer the intended questions", has "not been answered to my expectations" and "does not answer my query as it predicates a response give to another question that failed to clarify that previous point."

Decision

Having reviewed the correspondence and your requests for review I am satisfied that your requests for information were answered correctly. When a request for information is received, a public authority can seek clarification from the requester if it decides that the questions being asked are unclear. This did not happen in this case as it was considered that the questions asked were sufficiently clear that they could be answered, there was no requirement to seek clarification. No information has been withheld in the response.

The reasons you have submitted for a review of this response were that in your view, the Park Authority has not answered your 'intended questions'. It is not possible for a public authority to answer 'intended' questions, it can only answer the questions you have actually asked. I therefore uphold the original response in its entirety as it was sent to you on 4th August 2016.

The additional new questions that you asked in your emails of 5th August are being processed as new requests for information, as advised in correspondence sent to you on 9th August 2016, Ref EIR2016/037.

We have a duty to advise and assist the public in making requests for information. It is very important to make a request for information as clear as possible, to enable a public authority to establish whether or not they hold the information you are looking for. Please find attached a guide to making requests; published by the Scottish Information Commissioner that I hope will assist you in understanding the best way to formulate a request for information.

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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