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**“I noted the planning committee approved the application from the National Park to itself for a 26 place campsite at Loch Chon. I would be grateful if you could explain:**

**Q. Why Forestry Commission Scotland did not apply for the planning permission as this is their land (and in respect of that answer I would be grateful if you could provide me with all information the LLNPA holds on FCS' involvement/lack of it in the development of this site (e.g. any correspondence about why they would not develop the site themselves)”**

A. While Forestry Commission own the site they did not apply for planning permission as they do not intend to develop the site. You do not need to be in possession of a site in order to apply for, or be granted, planning permission for development. The Park Authority does not hold information about Forestry Commission Scotland's decision not to develop this site. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

**Q. “Whether the LLNPA had entered into any commitment to purchase shipping containers for use as toilets and a base in the campsite prior to this application being approved by Members of the Committee. If so, could you provide me with all information you hold about such a commitment (including whether the LLNPA had entered a contract to purchase the containers or the date of purchase if purchased, the cost of the containers, including transport to the site, and who authorised this).”**

A. The Park Authority purchased shipping containers, which were bought as semi-permanent, versatile structures that could be deployed to any suitable area in the National Park. The purchase was completed on public contracts Scotland and was agreed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. The cost of the units was £16,512.00 which includes transportation and off-loading charges, though the containers have not yet been delivered to the site.

**Q. “If the LLNPA had purchased or committed to purchase the shipping containers, why this was not referred to in the Committee Report and whether any member of the planning committee could have been aware of this commitment or purchase prior to the decision being made.”**

A. The purchased units were not mentioned in the committee report as this did not form any part of, and had no relevance to the planning application submitted. The units had been procured on the open market, available for anyone to view. If the planning application had been unsuccessful, the units would have been used elsewhere, subject to relevant permissions.