

December 2016

**Q. “provide me with the full methodology you have used to determine places for both campsites and permits”**

A. In response FOI 2015/020 of 27th May 2015 the following information was provided:

*A full methodology for the development of sustainable camping provision within the camping management zones will be developed as part of the camping development plan.*

Since this request was received, over a year ago, considerable progress has been made with the Your Park project. The information given in the 2015 response reflected the position at that time in relation to anticipated developments. Since then, a camping development strategy has been created, and ongoing on-site assessments of sustainable camping provision and the impact of camping will take place as potential sites are being explored.

As stated in response FOI 2015/020, initial site based assessments were made to help inform the Your Park proposals. These used factors such as those included in Appendix 1 of the documentation that was submitted to Scottish Ministers, to inform the initial screening for potential sites.

A similar process was used for an initial identification of areas for permit based camping. Appendix 2 shows some of the locations considered and potential allocations for sites or permits based on physical assessments made on site.

This information is available on the Your Park website at:

Appendix 1 - <http://www.thisisyourpark.org.uk/download/appendix-1-proposed-lltnpa-camping-management-byelaws/>

Appendix 2 - <http://www.thisisyourpark.org.uk/download/appendix-2-overview-of-evidence/>

As stated in response FOI 2016/055 of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016, a list of criteria was used for selecting appropriate sites. These criteria can be found in the Camping Development Strategy document, P 11 Section 2.5. This document is publically available on our website at:

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/rr-content/uploads/2016/07/Agenda-Item-8-Appendix-1-Camping-Development-Strategy.pdf>

Accordingly I have to advise that under R 6(1)(b) of the EIRs this information is already publically available and easily accessible.

**Q“provide an explanation ... about why some areas of the proposed management zones allow no camping at all and why others allow some under permit or have campsites.**

**explain why:**

**a) there is no camping to be allowed at all along the north shore of Loch Arklet while there are permit areas on the north shore of Loch Venachar**

**b) why there is no camping to be allowed under permit on the west shore of Loch Lomond north of Inveruglas but camping is to be allowed in places along the south shore of Loch Earn”**

A. Camping management zones have been created to enable the Park Authority to manage camping activity in the most high pressure areas of the National Park. These zones are the areas within which the Camping Management Byelaw applies, so these are the areas where the Park Authority is able to manage where and how people camp.

The condition that the Minister placed as part of the approval of the byelaws requires the Park Authority to make camping places available within the camping management zones. This will be done by directing the public to permit areas or campsites. The detail of where these permit areas and campsites are located is determined by the criteria outlined within the Camping Development Strategy.

For the specific locations that you have asked about, Loch Arklet, Loch Venachar, the west shore of Loch Lomond north of Inveruglas and the south shore of Loch Earn, decisions on whether or not there will be camping allowed or not at these locations, has been determined in each case, by the criteria set out in the Camping Development Strategy.

**Q“how you have determined the number of tents that will be allowed in specific permit areas.”**

A.This question is substantially similar to that asked in your email of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. As advised in response EIR 2016/055 of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016, for places that the Park Authority proposes to allocate for camping permits, a list of criteria was used for selecting appropriate sites where tents will be allowed in permit areas.

These criteria can be found in the Camping Development Strategy document, P 11 Section 2.5. This document is publically available on our website at:

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