



EIR Ref: 2017/004

3rd February 2017

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 7th January 2017.

We have applied the exemption under Section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as we have determined that the information sought in your request is environmental information. We are therefore handling your request under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). In this case the public interest in maintaining this exemption and in dealing with the request in line with the requirements of the EIRs outweighs any public interest in disclosing the information under FOISA.

Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

please provide me with all information the LLTNPA holds on how it developed its submission to the Land Reform Review Group and who was involved in this, including:

a) Were any Board Members involved in developing the content or approving the submission and were any meetings involving Board Members held to discuss this? If so, please provide all written information pertaining to those meetings and any communications from Board Members about the submission.

The Park Authority Convener attended a meeting with members of the Land Reform Review Group on Friday 15th February 2013. All information held in relation to this meeting is attached.

There is no information held regarding Board Member involvement in developing the content or approving the Park Authority's consultation response. There is no record of any meeting involving Board Members, or communications from Board Members to discuss the Park Authority submission to the Land Reform Review Group. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

b) Who was present (staff and Board Members) at the presentation to the Land Reform Review Group?

The agenda from the meeting held by the Park Authority on 15th February 2013 is attached, which includes the list of proposed attendees. There is no other information held about which staff

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attended this meeting. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

c) Any presentation or information given to the LRRG apart from the formal submission which is available through the LRRG section of the Scottish Government website.

The welcome brief from the meeting on 15th February 2013 is attached along with the responsee information form which was sent with the formal response to Scottish Government. A contact telephone number has been redacted from this form in accordance with Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs and the Data Protection Principles.

While the agenda shows that a presentation was given by the then Director of the Park Authority, a search of all record drives, which returned over 1,000 files, did not find any written or slide presentation. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this response, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to ask the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you must:-

- Lodge a written request for a review 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 Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, whichever is the later.
- Include your name, address for correspondence, a description of the original request, and the reasons why you are dissatisfied; and

address your review request to:

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Please note that links provided to information available elsewhere are intended to assist you. Requests for information held by other public authorities, and any complaints regarding access to such information should be addressed to that authority. These review procedures relate only to information which is directly under the control of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority.

The review of your request 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 Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, at:

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Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS
Tel: 01344 464 610
Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Online appeal portal: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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Fiona Logan

**Land Reform Review
Group Visit**

Friday 15 February 2013

2.15pm to 5.15pm

John Muir Suite

Enclosed

Agenda
Land Reform Review Group: Call for Evidence
Respondent Information Form

Land Reform Review Group Visit

Welcome brief (Linda)

1. Welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with the Land Reform Review Group
2. Whilst some of the issues we will discuss are at their most severe in the National Park they are not unique to the Park
3. National Park very pro-access but feel that when there is significant visitor pressure there is a need for management
4. Looking for ways to balance the visitor experience, resident issues and conservation interests
5. Land Reform is a good piece of legislation for 95% of scenarios. With some tweaks (wild camping etc) it could be an excellent piece of legislation
6. National Parks provide an opportunity to test new approaches before rolling out across Scotland
7. The NPA has the evidence base and practical experience that should be useful for reviewing the issues.

On the wider issue of land ownership etc I think we should be wary about getting drawn in to a great deal of detail. The only point I might make is around scale, capital and conservation interests.



Land Reform Review Group

Agenda

Date / Time: Friday, 15 February 2013 / 2/2.30pm

Attendees:

Land Reform Review Group

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

Dr Alison Elliot, Chair

Linda McKay, Convener

Prof James Hunter

Grant Moir, Director of Conservation & Visitor Experience

Dave Thomson

Gordon Watson, Director of Rural Development & Planning

Pamela Blyth

Bridget Jones, Head of Visitor Management

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| 1. | Welcome & Introductions | Linda McKay, NPA Convener |
| 2. | Remit and role of LRRG | Dr Alison Elliot, Chair of LRRG |
| 3. | Presentation on issues in National Park | Grant Moir, NPA Director |
| 4. | Next steps | All |

Respondent Information Form

Please Note this form must be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation Name

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Title Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Jones

Forename

Bridget

2. Postal Address

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority Headquarters

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

(c) The name and address of your organisation will be made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your response to be made available?

Please tick as appropriate Yes

Yes, make my response available,
but not my name and address

Yes, make my response and name
available, but not my address

(d) We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes