

EIR Ref: 2019/016

3rd September 2019

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 8th August 2019. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The Park Authority has an obligation to deal with your request under the EIRs and an option to also deal with your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), unless the public interest lies in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs. We consider that the public interest in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs outweighs the public interest in also dealing with your request under FOISA, on the basis that the public interest is not served by duplicating consideration of your request under both regimes. We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

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

"I have discovered that the LLTNPA was the lead for developing a Natural Flood Management study under the Clyde and Loch Lomond Flood risk management plan. I have been unable to find this on the research section of the LLTNPA website and wonder if you could confirm, under FOI if necessary, the status of this work ie has it been started, is it in progress or has it been completed - if completed I would request a copy of the study."

The Natural Flood Management study has not yet started. This work will be undertaken when the scope of the study has been agreed and funding is allocated to the Park Authority from partner agencies. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

In accordance with our requirement to provide advice and assistance under Regulation 9 of the EIRs we can confirm that the Park Authority has an action to work with partners to undertake a Natural Flood Management (NFM) scoping study. This action is from the Local Flood Risk Management Plan (The Plan) for the Clyde and Loch Lomond (CaLL) Local Plan District (LPD). The Plan is available from Glasgow City Council, as Lead Local Authority at: https://glasgow.gov.uk/clydeandlochlomond

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This Plan should be read in conjunction with the CaLL Flood Risk Management Strategy (The Strategy) which was published by SEPA in December 2015, and is available on the SEPA website at: http://apps.sepa.org.uk/FRMStrategies/

Glasgow City Council published an Interim Report in March 2019 following a review of the Plan. The Interim Report as required under Section 37 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 presents the conclusions from the review and provides information on the progress made towards implementing the actions identified in the Plan. The Interim Report is available to download from: https://glasgow.gov.uk/clydeandlochlomond

Yours sincerely

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

Review Procedure

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

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request 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 Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is
 the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review 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 Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle

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