

FOI Ref: 2020/007

6 April 2020

## **REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

1. "How many bin liners were purchased and used by this organisation in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years."

The National Park Authority does not record this information. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

a. "In relation to above, how many of the purchased bin liners were biodegradable."

The National Park Authority does not record this information. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

2. "How many plastic cups were purchased and used by this organisation in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years."

The National Park Authority does not record this information. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held. We can however advise that the National Park Authority is committed to no longer purchasing plastic cups.

3. "How much bubble wrap was purchased and used by this organisation in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years."

The National Park Authority purchased one box of bubble wrap in 2018/19. There is no record held of usage of the bubble wrap. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

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4. "How many units of bottled water were purchased and used by this organisation in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years."

The National Park Authority purchased bottled water to use on our campsites during periods where the water supplies on these sites were not available. We do not hold the level of detail in our system to be able to confirm how many bottles we purchased and used. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

5. "How many disposable drinks cups, such as coffee cups, were purchased and used by this organisation in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years."

The National Park Authority has no records of the purchase or use of disposable drinks cups, such as coffee cups. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act. that this information is not held.

6. "Does this organisation have a record of all the single use plastic purchased and used by it in each of the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years, if so could it be sent over."

The National Park Authority has no record of single use plastic purchased and used. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

Whilst we do not hold data on much of the requested information above, the National Park Authority has been reporting on key environmental criteria for the last six years under the Public Bodies Climate Change Reporting Duty. Within this, the focus for the reporting is set by Scottish Government and has been on key emissions and sequestration activities.

To further develop our work in this area, in December 2019, the National Park Board approved our approach to work towards becoming a NetZero organization. You can find the relevant Board papers on our website at: <a href="https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/board-meeting-16th-march-2020/">https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/board-meeting-16th-march-2020/</a>

In line with this we are working hard to gather further data and understand more fully how we can reduce our climate impact and maximise gain for nature; this includes a focus on waste.

Yours sincerely

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Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

## **Review Procedure**

## LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
National Park Headquarters
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Carrochan Road
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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 Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Tel: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Online appeal portal: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal