



7th September 2020

Dear Mr Stuart,

Request for deputation to LLTNPA Board Meeting 14th September 2020

Thank you very much for the email and for agreeing to lift the usual requirement of your Standing Orders for requests for Deputations to be submitted two weeks before meetings.

I would like to address the Board about the need for additional and improved visitor infrastructure in the National Park, as evidenced by what has happened following lockdown and likely future demand. I will tailor what I have to say to the content of a) the report on Visitor Management in the CEO's Report and b) the Draft Litter Strategy. My argument will be that because of the continuing risks of Covid-19, staycations and far greater number of day trips are here to stay for the foreseeable future and this has implications for the remaining three weeks of the camping byelaw season and for the rest of this year and the start of next. I will in my five minutes argue that the Park needs to plan now for four season tourism and more specifically improve visitor infrastructure in the following areas:

- * Litter bins/recycling
- * Camping capacity (there will be demand for campsites over the winter) and a great increase in informal camping outwith the byelaw season
- * Campervanning (already four-season but far more people will now be out in winter)
- * Toilet opening over the winter and continued provision of mobile toilets
- * Car parking and traffic management (e.g Xmas and New Year surge)
- * Ranger Services over the winter

I have discussed this with a number of other people/organisations but have not heard whether anyone else would like to speak. As I am away early tomorrow for a two day stravaig through the Cairngorms I am submitting this as a deputation in my name only. But it would be helpful to know if James was prepared to add anyone else, should they want to speak. It would be within the parameters outlined.

Yours Sincerely,



Nick Kempe