



EIR Ref:2021/008

19th May 2021

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 23rd April 2021. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

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

I would be obliged if you could provide me with the following information in relation to the preparation of each of those Local Development Plans (LDPs) that your council has embarked upon and / or adopted.

Did the Council undertake Pre-Main Issues Report (Pre-MIR) public consultation for each LDP prepared?

The National Park Authority produced Main Issues reports in 2008 and 2014. Pre-Main Issues Report (Pre-MIR) public consultations were completed for each LDP prepared.

If so, please provide the dates on which the process of Pre-MIR public consultation commenced.

For the 2008 report, the public consultation commenced on 31st March 2008.
For the 2014 report the public consultation commenced on 28th April 2014.

Did the Council invite 'Bids' from landowners / other interests prior to the publication of the MIR (i.e. was there what is often termed as a 'Call for Sites'?)

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The National Park Authority did invite 'Bids' from landowners / other interests for the 2014 report.

How many sites were suggested by landowners / other interests during the 'Call for Sites'?

Details of sites suggested for the 2014 report were as follows:

- April 2014 – call for sites – approximately 91 sites from 45 landowners of which 57 were assessed.
- November 2014 – additional call for sites – 14 sites of which 6 were assessed.

How many of these sites were 'housing' sites?

- April 2014 - Our database has all 91 sites listed in a variety of ways as described by the person who submitted them – residential, housing/commercial etc. When selecting all those that either mentioned housing or residential there was **71 sites**. Some were too small and were not included in the site assessment report – 39 were included as being large enough.
- November 2014 – Total of 14 units of which only 6 were assessed and all were for housing.

What was the overall notional / estimated housing capacity of those housing sites forwarded during the 'Call for Sites'?

- April 2014 report - Of the 71 sites most were not determined, only 19 sites have housing figures ranging from 28, 4, 5, 174, 220, 1, 2, 1, 2, 30, 5, 14, 4, 4, 2/3, 1, 6, 2/4, 4. Some were not assessed as too small. I.e. anything under 4 excluded. That left 39 sites that were assessed and of those 11 sites had an indicative proposed capacity of 493 units.
- November 2014 report – Out of the 6 sites fully assessed, details are in the additional site assessment report, indicative capacity of all 6 sites was 98 units.

How many of the a) housing sites and b) other sites promoted were selected for the preferred strategy within the subsequent published MIR?

- April 2014 report - 113 sites were assessed fully. Of the 113 sites, - 17 were preferred and in total 20 sites are now in the LDP (some of which had not been originally preferred but were indicated as long term sites)
- November 2014 report - 2 of the 6 sites were selected as preferred in the MIR – see summary on Page 6 of the additional site report.

What was the notional overall capacity of those sites selected for housing for the preferred strategy?

- April 2014 - Most sites had no figure determined, most only submitted in hectares but from the call for sites process the following sites were allocated – Callander Claish 90 homes, Arrochar Church Rd 6 homes, Balmaha 22 homes, Crainlarich 6 homes, Drymen Laurelfields 10 homes, Gartocharn Burnbrae 10 homes, Luss Hawthorn 10 homes, St Fillans 16 homes, Succoth 26 homes, Tarbet 10 homes – this totals to **206 units**.
- November 2014 – Two sites selected had a capacity of 42 units. Subsequently the two sites were allocated in the LDP – Balgibbon for 22 homes and Claish expansion as part of the above allocation for 90 units.

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Of the total 426 units identified in the plan, 228 **units** were identified via the Call for Sites process, although this capacity was not determined until LDP stage.

If you are able to refer me to any relevant committee papers in connection with the above, I would be grateful.

Papers from the National Park Authority Planning and Access Committee meetings are available on our website at: <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/>

Papers were submitted in relation to the Local Development plan at the following meetings:

- 26 May 2014
- 27 Feb 2017
- 22 May 2017
- 26 June 2017
- 30 Oct 2017
- 27 Nov 2017
- 30 April 2018
- 25 June 2018
- 26 Nov 2018

The key documents which were consulted upon during the Main Issues Report Consultation, including the Main Issues Report Document itself, and the report of the consultation can be found on our website at:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/planning-guidance/local-development-plan/how-did-we-get-here/>

Yours sincerely

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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.

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