

Comments for Planning Application 2020/0260/DET

Application Summary

Application Number: 2020/0260/DET

Address: Trossachs Pier Up To The Roderick Dhu Watch Tower Trossachs Pier Loch Katrine

Proposal: Formation of new footpath and installation of two lookout structures

Case Officer: Vivien Emery

Customer Details

Name: Mr Neil Wells

Address: Lochs And Glens Holidays, School Road, Gartocharn, West Dunbartonshire G83 8RW

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Organisation/body

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Lochs and Glens Holidays take 12,000 people a year to Loch Katrine for boat trips. We first started taking customers to the loch in 1987 and since that time, we have seen a huge rise in visitors from Scotland and around the world to the Trossachs area including the busy visitor hubs at Trossachs Pier and Stronachlachar Pier.

While the scenery is as magnificent as it has always been, the shore-based infrastructure of the area has been failing to cope with the demand for many years. With the exception of the busy shoreline walk, there is a shortage of easily accessible short paths for our older customers to enjoy Loch Katrine.

We welcome the reinstatement of the short historic Roderick Dhu footpath as the current path is in a poor and unsafe condition. We also welcome the reintroduction of scenic lookouts to enable visitors to safely enjoy panoramic views of Loch Katrine and the surrounding area.

The reinstated path will be in a contained corridor with post and rail fences incorporating handrails and the stunning scenic lookouts will also be contained with sympathetic fencing so the environmental impact will be minimal. The construction techniques with the use of no machines other than helicopter drops of materials and the lookout structures will also ensure a 'light touch' approach will be adopted with no impact on trees, tree roots and minimal impact on wildlife disturbance.

We wholeheartedly support these proposals which will result in one of the finest views in Scotland being accessible to our customers and other visitors in a safe and environmentally friendly way. They will also make a positive contribution to the wider visitor management efforts being progressed as part of the welcome Trossachs Visitor Management Programme being progressed

by the Steamship Trust with support from VisitScotland and other partners.