

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 Frank Park

Address: CCDT The Lade Inn, Kilmahog Callander

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Organisation/body

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I welcome the plans to reinstate the historic Roderick Dhu path and to build a scenic tower and lookouts close to Trossachs Pier at Loch Katrine which I am sure will be very popular with visitors of different ages and fitness who are currently restricted to walking along the lochside tarred road.

The plans will enable visitors to enjoy panoramic views safely on the very spot where Sir Walter Scott wrote such vivid descriptions of the loch and surrounding in his famous Lady of the Lake poem in 1810 which led to the birth of Scottish tourism and the development of the Trossachs as a popular tourist destination. We celebrated Scotland back in 2010 the 200 anniversary of the Lady of the Lake we still have a verse of the poem displayed in the Lade Inn.

It is evident from the plans and supporting surveys that the proposals are well designed and will have very low environmental and landscape impacts while adding greatly to the overall visitor experience. As the path and towers will be constructed by hand with materials flown in by helicopter this will minimise impact on the ground. The plans will also help contain visitors to a restricted area and have positive benefits in minimising wildlife disturbance and damage over a larger area.

We support this high quality project which will result in one of the finest views in the National Park being accessible to visitors in a safe and environmentally friendly way.