



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority  
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EIR Ref: 2021/011

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

We refer to your request for information, received in two emails on 13<sup>th</sup> June 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 Park Authority's response are provided below.

**“Can you please confirm the Local Authorities current affordable housing requirement as noted in your Housing Need and Demand Assessment? I am unable at present to download the current Housing Need and Demand Assessment?”**

Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority is not a housing authority and there is no requirement for us to prepare a Housing Need and Demand Assessment. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

We can however advise that there are four local authorities within the National Park. Information from the Housing Need and Demand Assessments written by these authorities are used to inform the work of the National Park Authority's planning team.

We have used Stirling Council, Argyll and Bute and Glasgow and Clyde Valley Housing Need and Demand Assessments to inform our housing policy. We prepared a Housing and Population Background Paper in 2017 that explains this, which can be found on our website at:

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Population-and-Housing-Background-Paper-Adopted-Plan-Version-Final.pdf>

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It may be helpful for you to know that the [Stirling HNDA](#) prepared in 2019 has an affordable requirement of 92 affordable units (approx. 18 per annum) over the period 2019-2023 and 50 affordable units (approx. 10 per annum) over the period 2024 -2028 for the National Park Area.

The [Argyll and Bute HNDA 2016](#) report baseline scenario (page 163, Table c1) states that Cowal has an affordable requirement of zero and Helensburgh and Lomond has a requirement of ten. These areas both include populations outwith the National Park boundary in Dunoon and Helensburgh respectively, so the requirement would be lower than that stated.

**“Can you please advise, over the last 5 years, how many affordable homes were provided by developers through developer contributions, advising how many were provided as on-site provision and how many off-site were provided. “**

Over the last five years the National Park Planning Authority has had limited affordable homes provided by developers. Most of our sites have been delivered by Registered Social Landlords for 100% affordable units.

Your requests asks about homes which “were provided”. This has been interpreted as completed/built and on site. The term ‘developer’ has been interpreted to exclude a registered social landlord who has purchased a site and developed for affordable units with no developer contribution involved.

Based on this interpretation of the request we can advise that 16 affordable units (of a total of 93 affordable units) that have been built over the last 5 years were by developers (not Registered Social Landlords), of which 9 were on-site provision and 4.5 were off-site.

**“Can you also advise how many affordable homes were delivered not through the private developer contribution.”**

Of the 93 affordable units built over the last 5 years, 77 units were delivered without private developer contribution either of land or funds.

Yours sincerely

## **Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority**

### Review Procedure

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

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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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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:

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