



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority  
Carrochan  
Carrochan Road  
Balloch  
G83 8EG

19<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
EIR Ref: 2022/001

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

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 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.

### **\* Whether Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority uses peat-based compost in its operations.**

The Park Authority does not use peat based compost in its operations.

### **\* Why Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority uses peat based compost in preference to non peat-based alternatives, if this is the case.**

The Park Authority does not use peat based compost in its operations.

### **\* How much peat-based compost Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority has used in each of the last five years.**

One bag of peat based compost was inadvertently purchased in 2021 for indoor planting.

### **\* How much Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority has spent on peat-based compost in each of the last five years.**

One purchase of peat based compost for indoor plants at a cost of £60 was made in 2021. No other peat based compost has been purchased or used by the Park Authority in the last five years.

## **LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

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**\* Does Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority have plans to phase out use of peat-based compost. If so, by what date does Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority intend to end its use of peat-based compost.'**

The Park Authority does not use peat based compost for its land based operations. We are actively involved in peatland restoration work. Details of our work on peatland restoration can be found on our website at:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/what-we-do/national-park-partnership-plan-2018-2023/delivering-partnership-plan-year-1/key-indicator-2-peatland-restoration/>

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 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:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
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