

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

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REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 11th April 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.

"How many planning permission requests were received last year?

Our records are managed according to financial year. The number of planning permission requests (detailed, householder, planning permission in principle) received as valid by the Park Authority between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022 was 257.

How many planning permission requests were rejected last year?

The number of planning applications (detailed, householder, planning permission in principle) refused by the Park Authority between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022 was 14.

How many planning permission requests were rejected due to protected species?

The Park Authority refused two planning applications between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022, where a protected species was a factor in the refusal of the application.

Of these, how many were rejected due to: badgers, bats, birds, dormice, newts, invertebrates, natterjack toads, otters, reptiles, water voles, white-clawed crayfish, or other?"

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In the two cases where a planning application was refused, the protected species which was a factor in the refusal of the application was bats in both cases. There were no planning applications refused due to considerations in relation to any of the other protected species listed in the request.

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:

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

E-mail: info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

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 Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife **KY16 9DS**

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