

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

EIR Ref: 2022/005

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 17th February 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.

1. Does your authority have an electric vehicle charging transition strategy (or equivalent)?

The National Park Authority does not currently have an electric vehicle charging transition strategy. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

2. Have you published this strategy? If so, please provide a link to or copy of the document.

As stated above, the National Park Authority does not currently have an electric vehicle charging transition strategy.

3. How many public electric vehicle chargers have been installed within your authority's jurisdiction?

The National Park Authority does not hold information about all of the public electric vehicle charging points across the National Park area, however we can advise that this information can be found on the website: <u>Chargeplace Scotland</u>.

The National Park Authority has six public electric vehicle chargers at key sites as follows:

National Park Authority Headquarters, Carrochan, Balloch - 2 Balmaha Visitor Centre – 2 Inveruglas – 2

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4. How many electric vehicle chargers have been installed within your authority's jurisdiction in each of the last three years (2019, 2020, 2021)?

As stated above, the National Park Authority does not hold this information. Details of the locations of electric vehicle chargers across Scotland can be found on the Chargeplace Scotland website: <u>https://chargeplacescotland.org/</u>

In addition to public electric vehicle charging points, the National Park Authority has thirteen staff charging points to service Park Authority fleet vehicles on our own estate see details below. We did not install all of these charging points and we are unable to confirm details on which financial year they were installed.

National Park Authority Headquarters, Carrochan, Balloch, Car Park - 7 Duncan Mills Memorial Slipway, Balloch – 2 Balmaha Visitor Centre – 2 Lochearnhead Office - 2

5. How many electric vehicle chargers do you intend to be installed within your authority's jurisdiction in each of the next three years (2022, 2023, 2024)?

We do not currently have a plan for the next three years for installation of additional chargers across our own estate. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

You may be interested in our current focus on becoming a net zero emitting organisation by 2030. Details can be found on our website at: <u>https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/publications/mission-zero/</u>

[Background information: The UK Government are committed to phasing out new Petrol and Diesel vehicles by 2030. However, there are real concerns that not enough resource is being provided to ensure there is a public charging infrastructure that will be able to support the level of demand from electric vehicles that policy would entail. These requests are aimed at achieving a better understanding of where individual authorities are at in their efforts to provide public charging infrastructure within their jurisdictions.]'

It may also be useful for you to be aware that there are four local authorities within the National Park area, each authority will have their own strategy for the installation of public electric vehicle charging points. Further information can be found at the websites for the respective authorities, see links below.

Argyll and Bute Council: https://www.argyll-

bute.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s174913/EVC%20REPORT%20EDI%20JUNE% 202021.pdf

West Dunbartonshire Council:

https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/media/4314831/environment-neighbourhooddelivery-plan-2018-19.pdf

Stirling Council: <u>https://stirling.gov.uk/planning-building-the-environment/sustainable-development/sustainable-transport/</u>

Perth and Kinross Council: https://www.pkonthego.co.uk/electricvehicles/

Yours sincerely

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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 Tel: 01334 464610 Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: <u>enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info</u>

Online appeal portal: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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