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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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Carrochan Road
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11th November 2022 EIR 2022-019

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 28th September 2022. As advised in our letter of 19th October 2022, it was necessary to extend the deadline for responding to this request due to the volume of correspondence identified in initial searches.

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.

- "Please can you provide me with the content of all correspondence since 25th November 2021 between Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park and other people/organisations/local estates/members of the Scottish Parliament about beaver translocations to FLS managed land within the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park."
- "Please can you provide me with the content of all correspondence since 25th November 2021, both internal and external, about beaver translocations to FLS managed land within the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park."
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Email correspondence held by the National Park Authority on the subject of beaver translocations in the National Park is attached in Appendix A. Email attachments relating to LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

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beaver translocation are also attached with an inventory of the documents provided at the end of this letter. The email correspondence has been indexed in chronological order for the time period between 25th November 2021 and 28th September 2022. Appendix A includes internal correspondence and external correspondence. The search functionality provided by the software can be used to identify specific recipients.

Some information has been redacted, specifically the personal details, names, emails and telephone numbers of external third parties, the names and contact details of Park Authority staff below manager grade, as well as some personal data contained within the body of emails.

This information has been withheld under Regulation 11(2) of the EIR's. Because this information constitutes the personal data of third parties, as a data controller, we must process it in accordance with data protection law. This legal duty is recognised in Regulation 11(2), read together with Regulation 11(3a)(a), which provides that information which is third party personal data and in respect of which disclosure would be likely to breach one or more of the Data Protection Principles, is absolutely exempt from the duty to make it available under Regulation 5(1).

Yours sincerely

Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

Inventory of Documents

Appendix A – email correspondence

- 1 Letter from Lorna Slater
- 2 Letter to Minister LLTNPA
- 3 CNPA letter to Minister
- 4_Beavers mapping information
- 5_NatureSCot approach beaver translocation
- 6_RSPB Stakeholder summary
- 7_RSPB press release
- 8_RSPB Beaver engagement report

(Papers available on request)

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:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Tel: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

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