



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

EIR 2023/014  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023. 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.

**“I would like to request under Freedom of Information laws all communications, including notes of meetings, between the LLTNPA and Scottish Enterprise, about the vacant asset, the former National Park Gateway Centre in Balloch since 1st January 2022” and**

**“Information relating to any decisions that have been taken by LLTNPA staff about its future.”**

Communications between the National Park Authority and Scottish Enterprise about the Gateway Centre are in attached Appendix A. Extracts from the minutes of Loch Lomond Shores Management Meetings which refer to the Gateway Centre are included.

Some personal data has been redacted from email correspondence, 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 and some personal data in the content 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

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of the Data Protection Principles, is absolutely exempt from the duty to make it available under Regulation 5(1).

As previously advised, in EIR response 2022/022, Board Members agreed that officers should pursue discussions with Scottish Enterprise in line with previous Board decisions with a view to exploring the possibility of exiting the current lease of the building with associated land while securing appropriate return on any proceeds that may arise. A further report for decision would be brought back to the Board once the full implications are understood. There is no decision that supersedes this.

The future of the Gateway Centre falls within the scope of the Estates Strategy paper considered at the meeting of the National Park Authority Board on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The paper can be found on our website at:

[Board & Committee meetings - Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park \(lochlomond-trossachs.org\)](https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org)

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.

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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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