



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
Carrochan
Carrochan Road
Balloch

EIR Ref: EIR 2023-017
3rd October 2023

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 6th September 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.

“Our information request is with regards to the delivery of sustainable transport within Scotland’s Public Bodies, and particularly in the context of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.”

“Firstly, we are interested in Public Bodies’ targets for business travel”

- 1. “Do you have a target to cut emissions from air and/or business travel? If so, please share information about any target(s) you have (e.g. description of the target, when the target was adopted, timeline to meeting the target).”**

The National Park Authority's organisational plan to reduce all our emissions is our [Mission Zero route map](#). The plan was approved in December 2020 by the National Park Authority Board. Our transport emissions baseline and reduction targets are outlined in the plan, which includes all our fleet (land and water), as well as grey fleet (staff personal vehicles used for business travel) and public transport and taxis for work purposes.

We have an overall commitment to be a net zero emitting organisation by 2030. Specifically for transport, we have a 90% reduction target on emissions by 2031. This will be delivered by transforming our fleet to electric vehicles as well as reducing the need for travel wherever possible, for example by encouraging people to adopt the sustainable transport hierarchy when considering business travel.

“Secondly, we are interested in Public Bodies’ corporate travel policies and plans”

- 2. “Please provide copies of any corporate policy your organisation has on the reduction of emissions from business travel.”**

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Details of our approach to business travel are included in the Mission Zero Route map referenced above. More information about our Mission zero work can be found on our website at: [Our Mission Zero - Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park \(lochlomond-trossachs.org\)](http://Our Mission Zero - Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park (lochlomond-trossachs.org))

Our Road Transport Fleet Management Policy includes the following section:

“The underlying principle in all decision-making will be the reduction of vehicle emissions and our move towards Net Zero. The Facilities Manager monitors the costs of each vehicle on a regular basis in line with mileage and carbon emissions. This, taken with operational feedback and organisational direction, will determine when a vehicle has reached the end of its economic life. When this time is approaching, an assessment will be made as to whether a vehicle needs to be replaced. If so, measures will be taken to identify funds to replace the vehicle and a suitable vehicle identified.”

3. “Please provide copies of any corporate policy your organisation has on the reduction of the use of air travel for business travel purposes.”

The National Park Authority has no corporate policy on the reduction of the use of air travel for business travel purposes as we have an overall policy of no air travel for staff.

“Finally, we are specifically interested in Public Bodies’ use of rail and air for domestic travel”

4. “Please provide details of the number of flights your staff have taken from Edinburgh & Glasgow Airports to London Airports for business purposes in the past 12 months (or your most recent 12 month reporting period) for travel to destinations within south-east England.”

There have been no flights taken by National Park Authority staff in the last 12 months for business purposes, as we have a policy of no air travel.

5. “Please provide details of the number of rail journeys your staff have taken from Edinburgh & Glasgow railway stations to London railway stations for business purposes in the past 12 months (or your most recent 12 month reporting period) for travel to destinations within south-east England”

There has been one rail journey taken by a member staff from Glasgow to London in the past 12 months.

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

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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:

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