



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

EIR 2023-020
17th November 2023

Dear

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 30th October 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.

“Please provide me under freedom of information laws with all written communications/briefings sent to board members about the Cononish goldmine in 2023 (I am not asking for either the minutes of the meeting of Dec 2022 or the actual board paper considered today both of which are in public realm).”

The only written communication sent to our Board Members in 2023 regarding the Cononish Goldmine is provided below. The update report referenced in the email is on our website, so we can advise under R6(1)(b) of the EIRs that this information is already publicly available and easily accessible.

“From: Stuart Mearns <stuart.mearns@lochlomond-trossachs.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 2:38 PM
To: Board Members
Subject: RE: Planning and Access Committee Report - Cononish Gold Mine Annual Update

Dear Members

As you may have seen there has been some national media coverage concerning the Cononish Gold Mine over recent weeks. For your awareness only, I am sharing an annual update report concerning the site that is within the papers for October's Planning & Access Committee meeting that were issued yesterday evening. You can view the report here or via the Committee [page](#) on our website.

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I hope this provides a helpful update on the current activity and status at the site. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Stuart

Stuart Mearns
Director of Place
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

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.

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

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