



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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Dear

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 27th 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.

"I cannot find a copy of the final Greater Cononish Glen Management Plan agreed by the LLTNPA in February 2020 on the planning portal for the goldmine or from a search of the LLTNPA website. While it would be best if this was published on the planning portal and you could let me know about this, if not I would request a copy of the plan and any subsequent updates under Freedom of Information laws."

A draft Greater Cononish Glen Management Plan was submitted with the application and formed part of the EIA. It is a public document on the planning portal via the planning reference 2017/0254/MIN. There are 228 documents associated with this file, the management plan can be found using the description text box search facility.

We can therefore advise under R6(1)(b) of the EIRs that this information is already publicly available, however, noting that you were having difficulty in locating this document online, it is attached for ease of reference.

As required by a planning condition a final detailed plan was subsequently submitted. The final version was submitted on 5th November 2019 and approved on 21 Feb 2020. The final plan is also attached.

The March Monitoring report on the goldmine states (under Progress Site Visit 13th March) " SSSI Fencing has been agreed and can now be done, costs to be recovered (£10k) from SGZ." If reports since then had been published, as I stated, it would be possible to ascertain whether SGZ has paid this money or not. It would be much

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easier for all concerned if you could simply provide the information and tell me whether this money has been re-imbursed or not but failing that I would like to submit the following FOI:

Please provide me with any information the LLTNPA holds on a) who paid the £10k costs for the SSSI fencing and b) whether they have been reimbursed by SGZ Cononish and if so when.”

The SSSI fencing work has been delayed due to the landowner putting the land up for sale. The £10k funding from Scotgold has been agreed but has not yet been required and therefore has not been paid.

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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