



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority  
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EIR Ref: 2024-003  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear

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

We refer to your email of 29 January 2024, in which you have requested information from Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority.

The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore, we have applied the exemption detailed in section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and processed your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

The eight parts of your request, followed by our corresponding responses, are detailed below:

### **Litter volume and composition**

- 1. Do you regularly record a breakdown of litter tonnage by component materials? If you don't separate data in this way, do you estimate the composition of litter?***

We do not hold a breakdown of litter tonnage by component materials. Currently, the volume of litter is recorded only by the numbers of bags collected that are full, half-full and quarter-full. We do not hold an estimate for the composition of this litter.

- 2. Do you regularly record a breakdown of the litter materials that go into residual waste and recycling?***

We do not hold a breakdown of the litter materials that go into residual waste and recycling.

### **Data that informs litter management**

**3. Do you collect litter on the ground data for all your land types? Do you collect footfall data for different land types? If yes, how do you collect this and what proportion do you collect it for?**

We do collect litter on the ground data for all land types. This information is collected by Environmental Officers and Rangers. Data on visitor footfall is also collected on different land types. This is collated by our Ranger service, predominantly during the seasonal months between April and September, using a GIS based application.

**4. Do you overlay weather data with litter on the ground data?**

We do not overlay weather data with litter on the ground data.

**5. Do you collect data on any other variables that might explain changes in littering? If yes, what other data do you collect?**

We do not collect any information for the specific purpose of analysing littering in the National Park. However, it is possible that some information we hold could be used for this purpose – for example, information about visitor footfall.

### **Litter prevention activities**

**6. Have you carried out any litter prevention activities or interventions in the last three financial years (these could include – awareness raising and campaigns, interest-group activities, infrastructure, increased surveillance, improved enforcement)?**

The document that is accessible via the link we have provided below outlines our approach to litter prevention activities and interventions. Activities include outreach with schools, litter picking days with volunteers, replacing bins with alternative models and enforcing littering and fly-tipping offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 where appropriate.

[https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Board\\_20200316\\_Agenda-Item-7\\_Appendix-1\\_Litter-and-Waste-Prevention-Strategy-LLTNP.pdf](https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Board_20200316_Agenda-Item-7_Appendix-1_Litter-and-Waste-Prevention-Strategy-LLTNP.pdf)

**7. Did you work with any internal or external partners when planning litter prevention activities or interventions? If yes, please list these partners.**

When planning litter prevention activities or interventions, the National Park Authority works with Friends of Loch Lomond, Argyll and Bute Council, Stirling Council, Perth and Kinross Council, West Dunbartonshire Council, Forestry and Land Scotland and our Volunteer Service.

**8. Have you collected data on the impact and/or effectiveness of these litter prevention interventions? What measures of impact and/or effectiveness did you use?"**

No data has been collected on the impact or effectiveness of our litter prevention interventions in the last 3 financial years.

**Right to Review**

If you are unhappy with the way we have responded to your request, you have the right to request a review. Further information on how to submit a request for review can be found in the attached pages.

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

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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:

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