



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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Name: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
FOI Ref: 2024-020

Date: 28 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your email of 02 June 2024 in which you have requested access to information held by the National Park Authority. Our response is provided below.

Your Request - Part 1

I hereby request... all board meeting minutes and discussions regarding the flamingoland proposal since 2018. Please include memos, emails and whatsapp.

Our Response

The minutes and meeting papers from all our board (and Planning and Access Committee) meetings are published on our website. Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) exempts information from disclosure where the requester can reasonably obtain the information without submitting a formal request for it under FOISA. We therefore advise you that you can access this information at the following web-link:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/>

The following communication was circulated to Board members by email in May 2022:

Balloch West Riverside planning application



We have now received the new planning application for a proposed tourism development at Woodbank House and West Riverside in Balloch.

This follows the withdrawal of a first planning application in September 2019, after an officer recommendation of refusal.

We are in the process of checking and validating this application and we expect it to go live on our planning website pages early next week and available for members of the public to view.

You will be aware of the attention the previous application drew and we expect significant interest again this time from media, the public and stakeholders, as well as high volume of enquiries and comments to the planning team.

If you receive any enquiries about the application, please direct these to the Planning team at planning@lochlomond-trossachs.org or on 01389 722024

Enquiries from media should always be directed to [REDACTED] in the Communications team on 01389 722 629 or forwarded to pr&media@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Your Request – Part 2

Please provide clarity on all decisions within the last 10-year period where tourism has been prioritised over protection of nature.

Our Response

We have assumed that you are referring to decisions made in relation to planning applications. Various things may be considered when determining the outcome of a planning application. However, these considerations must be deemed 'material'. The nature of these material considerations will vary from case to case and the specific weighting given to each consideration is not routinely recorded. We therefore advise you, in accordance with Section 17 of FOISA, that we do not hold the requested information.

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Your Request – Part 3

Please provide over the last 10 years all questions/ requests made from the "locally elected" board members and what was listened to, voted on and successfully progressed, that they raised.

Our Response

There is no distinction between locally elected Board Members, local authority nominated Board Members and Ministerially Appointed Board Members, other than their route to appointment to the board. Discussion at board meetings is not recorded verbatim. However, a summary of what is discussed at each meeting is recorded in the meeting minutes. You can access the minutes from previous board meetings at the following link:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/>

Your Request – Part 4

What is the process for your locally elected board members to raise concerns, specifically, are they being listened to?"

Our Response:

Again, there is no distinction between locally elected Board Members, local authority nominated Board Members and Ministerially Appointed Board Members, other than their route to appointment to the board. All Board Members can raise concerns directly with the Executive Management Team, the Convener, Deputy Convener, or Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. Members are also able to raise concerns through the Standards Commission for Scotland and Ethical Standards Commissioner if appropriate.

Further information

If you are not satisfied with the way in which we have handled your request, you have the right to ask us to review our decision. Further details on the review process are provided in the attached pages.

Yours sincerely

Information Management

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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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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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Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
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