



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

Ref: FOI-2024-16 & EIR-2024-08

Date: 07 June 2024

Dear

We refer to your email of 10 May 2024 in which you have requested information from the National Park Authority. We have processed your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Your Request

Please could you advise me – under FOI (if necessary) – all the contractor and project manager award details for the current work on the NP building. From a visual view progress has stopped, is there a dispute?

Our Response

Section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) exempts information from disclosure if it is environmental information and the public authority is obliged to make it available in accordance with the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs). We are therefore withholding the requested information under FOISA and have processed your request under the EIRs.

We have assumed that your request refers to the visible works that are ongoing at our Balloch headquarters. These works relate to the installation of solar photovoltaic panels. The award notice for this contract was published on the Public Contracts Scotland website and can be viewed here:

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=NOV492730

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The contractor, Shire Energy Services Ltd, was appointed in November 2023. The contract was managed by the principal designer, Viridis Building Services, and overseen by our Construction Manager.

The building was closed to the public from the 9 October 2023 and has remained open to staff throughout the duration of these works, with reduced capacity to ensure safety. The building reopened to all staff on the 25 March 2024. Work has now concluded on site.

Progress of the work by the contractor on site was impacted by some design changes, and a delay in the delivery of some replacement ridge tiles, which were damaged in the bad weather. These tiles have now been replaced, and final snagging was undertaken this week, with the scaffolding being removed from site on the 7 June 2024.

Additionally, on the 6 June 2024, we received a further email in which you asked: *“why the Contractor’s details are not displayed on a Sign board on Site in the normal way for public projects?”* As a non-departmental public body, we are precluded from endorsing the work of one supplier over another, and therefore, we do not routinely include contractor information on site hoardings, compounds or notice boards.

Further information

If you are unhappy with the way that we have handled your request, you have the right to request a review. Further information on the review process is provided 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 with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in

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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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