

Appendix 2: Table of changes being proposed to the Camping Management Byelaws

Agenda Item 5

National Park Authority Board Meeting

Monday 8 June 2026

The table below sets out the scope of changes being proposed to the current Camping Management Byelaws here a change to the wording or meaning of the byelaw is being proposed. Further changes to the numbering of each byelaw, consistency of language and highlighting definitions using bold text can be found in **Appendix 3: Proposed Camping Management Byelaws 2027** in red.

The text in red indicates the change in wording or definition.

Existing Byelaw	Reason for change	Proposed rewording/ definition
CITATION AND APPLICATION		
(1) These byelaws may be cited as The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Camping Management Byelaws 2017.	Updated to reflect the date of the new Byelaws.	(1) These byelaws may be cited as The Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Camping Management Byelaws 2027 .
(3) Where the boundary of a Management Zone is a river or other body of water, the boundary shall be the shoreline of such river or other body of water and shall include the whole of any piers, jetties, pontoons, bridges, or dams extending therefrom.	Added to be clear the Byelaws cover all structures that may extend into the water.	(3) Where the boundary of a Management Zone is a river or other body of water, the boundary shall be the shoreline of such river or other body of water and shall include the whole of any piers, jetties, pontoons, bridges, dams or other built infrastructure extending therefrom.

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DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS		
Additional Definition	Definition added to support new Byelaw (10)	(f) “Public Rescue Equipment” means lifebuoys, lifebelts, throw lines and other similar equipment intended to aid in the rescue of human beings or other living beings;
Additional Definition	Definition added to support new wording in Byelaw (6)(b)	(k) “umbrella” means an object with a folding frame of long, straight pieces of metal covered with material, which can be used to protect a single person from rain or hot sun, but does not include side panels, whether fixed or detachable;
UNAUTHORISED CAMPING		
<p>(6) It shall be an offence for a person to:</p> <p>(a) set up, use or occupy a tent, wigwam or bivouac at any time; or</p> <p>(b) set up, use or occupy overnight any other form of shelter (other than an umbrella);</p> <p>within a Management Zone unless they have been authorised to do so by the Authority under byelaw 11.</p>	<p>(6)(a) “Roof tents” are becoming more popular. Currently there’s confusion about whether sleeping in a roof tent is camping in a tent, or in a vehicle. The new wording confirms we’ll treat them as tents, so they can’t be used in a Management Zone at any time unless a permit is obtained.</p> <p>(6)(b) Some umbrellas now come with detachable sides, effectively turning them into tents. The new definition of umbrella means that an umbrella with sides can be used during the day, but cannot be used overnight unless a permit has been obtained.</p> <p>(6)(c) We’ve clarified that hammocks can be used during the day, but not overnight unless a permit has been obtained.</p>	<p>(6) It shall be an offence for a person to:</p> <p>(a) set up, use or occupy a tent, bivouac or roof tent at any time; or</p> <p>(b) set up, use or occupy overnight any other form of shelter (other than an umbrella); or</p> <p>(c) set up, use or occupy overnight a hammock, within a Management Zone unless they have been authorised to do so by the Authority under byelaw 13.</p>

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FIRES AND WOOD		
<p>(8) No person shall without lawful authority:</p> <p>(a) light or cause a fire within a Management Zone causing damage or likely to cause damage to a Management Zone; or</p> <p>(b) collect or use wood from within a Management Zone that causes damage or is likely to cause damage to a Management Zone.</p>	<p>We're still seeing damage to trees, and fires causing damage and / or being lit inappropriately during times of high fire risk.</p> <p>The new wording is designed to make it much simpler for people to understand what is, and isn't, allowed.</p> <p>The last paragraph explains we're not looking to restrict the safe use of appropriate camping stoves.</p>	<p>(8) It shall be an offence for a person, unless they have been authorised to do so by the Authority under byelaw 13, to:</p> <p>(a) light or cause a fire (including a fire for the purpose of cooking food on a barbecue or otherwise) within a Management Zone that causes damage or is likely to cause damage to a Management Zone. A fire shall be regarded as causing damage, or likely to cause damage unless it is (i) fully contained in a metal container, and (ii) that container is raised at least 10 centimetres above the surface below it; or</p> <p>(b) collect or damage or burn or otherwise use wood from within a Management Zone; or</p> <p>(c) fail to extinguish a fire (including a fire for the purpose of cooking food on a barbecue or otherwise) within a Management Zone when instructed to do so by an officer of the Authority, a police officer or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority.</p> <p>These byelaws shall not prevent the use of a camping stove manufactured as a camping stove or cooker (excluding any wood or coal-based system), provided it is used in such a manner as not to cause danger of, or damage by, fire.</p>

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NO DAMAGE		
New Byelaw	There have unfortunately been incidents whereby people have removed or damaged our signs (New Byelaw (9), and, worryingly, public rescue equipment (New Byelaw 10).	(9) It shall be an offence for a person, other than a person authorised by the Authority , to remove or damage a sign or instruction erected by the Authority .
New Byelaw	Adding these new Byelaws means we can take action under the Byelaws, rather than relying on stretched Police resources.	(10) It shall be an offence for a person to damage any Public Rescue Equipment or, without the consent of the owner of the Public Rescue Equipment , remove any Public Rescue Equipment from its existing location for any purpose other than to aid in the rescue of human beings or other living beings or maintenance, repair or replacement of the Public Rescue Equipment .
PROVISION OF DETAILS		
(9) It shall be an offence under these byelaws for any person to refuse to provide their correct full name, date and place of birth, Address and the registration of any vehicle to an officer of the Authority, a police officer or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority who has reasonable grounds for believing that such person has committed an offence under these byelaws.	This change brings the CMB in line with the Loch Lomond Byelaws. Having the ability to ask for telephone numbers and emails makes it easier to communicate with individuals.	(11) It shall be an offence for any person to refuse to provide their correct full name, date and place of birth, address, telephone number and email (if any) and the registration of any vehicle to an officer of the Authority , a police officer or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority who has reasonable grounds for believing that such person has committed an offence under these byelaws.

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EXEMPTIONS AND AUTHORISATIONS		
<p>(11) The Authority may authorise any person, group or organisation to undertake or provide facilities for undertaking any activity within a Management Zone which would otherwise be prohibited by byelaw 6 or byelaw 7 provided that such person, group or organisation has made a prior application in writing to the Authority and has been authorised to undertake such activity within that Management Zone by the Authority.</p> <p>Any such authorisation so granted by the Authority shall be in writing and shall specify the duration of and the terms and conditions which apply to such authorisation as the Authority may in its sole discretion consider appropriate from time to time. It shall be an offence under these byelaws to contravene any such terms or conditions specified by the Authority. The Authority may revoke any such authorisation so granted at any time if such person, organisation or group contravenes the terms or conditions subject to which the authorisation has been granted by the Authority. Any authorisation granted under this byelaw 11 shall not remove the requirement to obtain separately the approval of any landowner, where required.</p>	<p>This change introduces more flexibility.</p> <p>It allows us to authorise fires that would otherwise be prohibited by byelaw 8 - for example if a Scout group wanted to hold a bonfire on land owned by someone else.</p>	<p>(13)The Authority may authorise any person, group or organisation to undertake or provide facilities for undertaking any activity within a Management Zone which would otherwise be prohibited by byelaw 6, byelaw 7 or byelaw 8 provided that such person, group or organisation has made a prior application in writing to the Authority and has been authorised to undertake such activity within that Management Zone by the Authority.</p> <p>Any such authorisation so granted by the Authority shall be in writing and shall specify the duration of and the terms and conditions which apply to such authorisation as the Authority may in its sole discretion consider appropriate from time to time. It shall be an offence under these byelaws to contravene any such terms or conditions specified by the Authority. The Authority may revoke any such authorisation so granted at any time if such person, organisation or group contravenes the terms or conditions subject to which the authorisation has been granted by the Authority. Any authorisation granted under this byelaw 13 shall not remove the requirement to obtain separately the approval of any landowner, where required.</p>

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PENALTIES AND OFFENCES		
<p>(14) No person shall obstruct an officer of the Authority or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority in the proper execution of their duties.</p>	<p>We're still seeing our Rangers being threatened and subject to abuse.</p> <p>Adding this wording allows us to take action against the small number of individuals whose behaviour is completely unacceptable.</p> <p>For context, this gives our staff protection against the same unacceptable behaviour as shop workers in Scotland.</p> <p>We can report the behaviour to the Procurator Fiscal who is able to prosecute the individual(s) for breach of the byelaws. If convicted, this could result in a fine of up to (currently) £500.</p>	<p>(16)(1) It shall be an offence for a person to obstruct, threaten or be abusive to an officer of the Authority or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority in the proper execution of their duties.</p> <p>(2) The offence under section 16(1) of threatening or abusing an officer of the Authority is committed by a person only if the person:</p> <p>(a) behaves in a threatening or abusive manner towards the officer and</p> <p>(b) intends by the behaviour to cause the officer or any other person fear or alarm or is reckless as to whether the behaviour would cause such fear or alarm.</p> <p>(3) Subsection (2) applies to:</p> <p>(a) behaviour of any kind including, in particular, things said or otherwise communicated as well as things done,</p> <p>(b) behaviour consisting of:</p> <p>(i) a single act, or</p> <p>(ii) a course of conduct.</p>