

# Appendix 3: Proposed Camping Management Byelaws 2027

## Agenda Item 5

### National Park Authority Board Meeting

Monday 8 June 2026

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#### General

The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority, constituted under the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority Designation, Transitional and Consequential Provisions (Scotland) Order 2002, and having its principal offices at Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG (“the Authority”), in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 hereby makes the following byelaws:

#### Citation and Application

- (1) These byelaws may be cited as The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Camping Management Byelaws 2027.
- (2) These byelaws shall apply between the dates of 1 March and 30 September in each calendar year (both dates inclusive) to the following areas within the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park (“the Park”) (any such areas hereinafter referred to as “**Management Zones**”):
  - (a) the area delineated in orange on plan 1 annexed hereto;
  - (b) the area delineated in pink on plan 2 annexed hereto;
  - (c) the area delineated in purple on plan 3 annexed hereto;
  - (d) the area delineated in green on plan 4 annexed hereto;
- (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.
- (4) Where the boundary of a **Management Zone** is a wall, fence, hedge or other such enclosure it shall be regarded as lying within the **Management Zone**, as the case may be.

## Definitions and Interpretations

- (5) In these byelaws, the following words, phrases and expressions are printed in bold wherever they appear and they have the interpretation and meaning hereby assigned to them, respectively:
- (a) “**connected person**” means (i) in the case of a **landowner** or a **tenant** who is an individual, the **landowner’s** or the **tenant’s** parents, spouse or children; and (ii) in the case of a **landowner** or a **tenant** which is a body corporate or unincorporated body, any individual who has the power to control the affairs of that body, by whatever means;
  - (b) “**damage**” means any damage to or adverse effect on any property;
  - (c) “**landowner**” means the owner of any land within a **Management Zone**;
  - (d) “**overnight**” means the period from 7pm to 7am (or any part thereof) on any day;
  - (e) “**property**” includes land;
  - (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;
  - (g) “**road**” means a road for the purposes of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984;
  - (h) “**shoreline**” means the point at which a river or other body of water immediately adjoins land within a **Management Zone**;
  - (i) “**spouse**” includes civil partner or cohabitee, whether of a different or the same sex;
  - (j) “**tenant**” means the tenant of any land within a **Management Zone** leased or let to such tenant under a lease of one year or more;
  - (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;
  - (l) “**vehicle**” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle or a vehicle designed or adapted for towing by a mechanically-propelled vehicle;
  - (m) “**wood**” includes any tree or part thereof, any log, sawn wood, and any other item consisting or constituted wholly or mainly of wood.

## Unauthorised Camping

- (6) It shall be an offence for a person to:
- (a) set up, use or occupy a tent, bivouac or roof tent at any time; or
  - (b) set up, use or occupy overnight any other form of shelter (other than an umbrella); or
  - (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.
- (7) It shall be an offence for any person to sleep overnight in a stationary **vehicle** within a **Management Zone** unless:
- a) they have been authorised to do so by the Authority under byelaw 11; or
  - b) the vehicle is on a **road**.

## Fires and Wood

- (8) It shall be an offence for a person, unless they have been authorised to do so by **the Authority** under byelaw 13, to:
- (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
  - (b) collect or **damage** or burn or otherwise use **wood** from within a **Management Zone**; or
  - (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**.

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.

## No Damage

- (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**.
- (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

- (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.

## Exemptions and Authorisations

- (12) These byelaws shall not apply to areas within **Management Zones** which have been exempted from the application of any provision of these byelaws by **the Authority** from time to time.

- (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**. 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.
- (14) These byelaws shall not apply to any: **landowner**; **tenant**; or **connected person** authorised by the relevant **landowner** or **tenant** using land within a **Management Zone** owned or leased by such **landowner** or **tenant** for any of the activities listed in these byelaws.

### Removal from a Management Zone

- (15) **It shall be an offence for a person to fail to** leave a **Management Zone**, together with their **vehicle** (if required), after having been requested to do so either by an officer of **the Authority**, a police officer or any other person authorised in writing by **the Authority**, having reasonable grounds for believing that such person has committed an offence under these byelaws.

### Penalties and Offences

- (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.
- (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::**
- (a) behaves in a threatening or abusive manner towards the officer, and
  - (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.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies to—
- (a) behaviour of any kind including, in particular, things said or otherwise communicated as well as things done,
  - (b) behaviour consisting of—
    - (i) a single act, or
    - (ii) a course of conduct.
- (17) Any person who contravenes any of the foregoing byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the Standard Scale in respect of each offence.