



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
Carrochan
Carrochan Road
Balloch
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Ref: FOI 2026-006
27 March 2026

Dear XXX

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 27 February 2026. Details of your request and the National Park Authority's response are provided below.

Your Requests

1. Does your planning authority employ an in-house ecologist, or equivalent?
2. If not, have you accessed ecological expertise in the previous 12 months through for example external contractors or a service level agreement with another organisation?
3. Can you please outline the number of directly employed FTE ecologists available for planning work, and provide their job titles?

Our Responses

1. The National Park Authority employs in-house ecologists and has also contracted ecological advice in relation to a range of National Park functions.
2. N/A
3. We have staff who provide ecological and related advice in relation to applications submitted to us as a planning authority. We are also consulted on related casework by other permitting authorities. In relation to this, we employ:

FTE	Job Title
1	Natural Heritage Programme Manager
1	Ecologist
1	Natural Heritage Planning Advisor
0.6	Trees and Woodland Advisor

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Other staff may work on ecological management and restoration programmes, and our Ranger Service contributes to some ecological actions.

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 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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