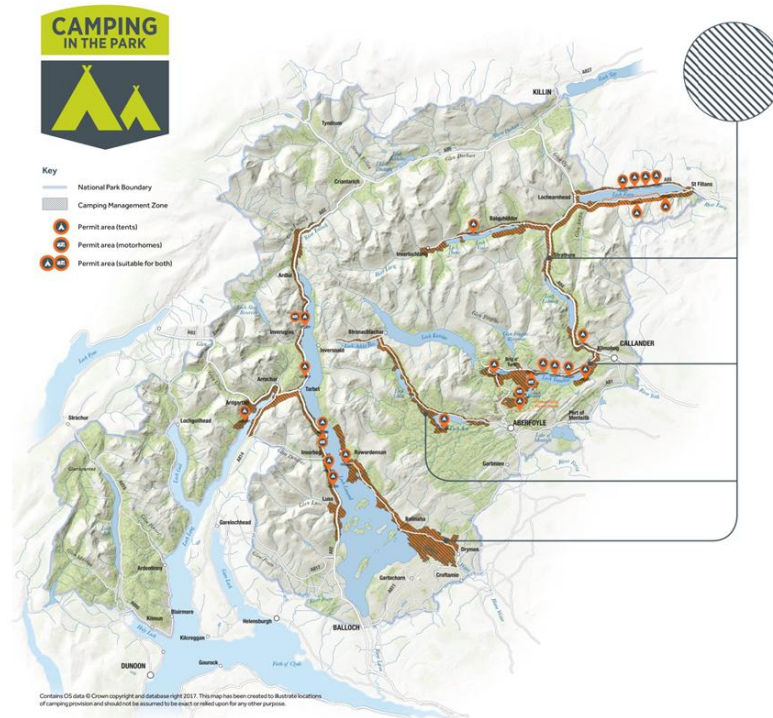


Camping Management Byelaw Review

AN INTRODUCTION TO REVIEWING THE CAMPING
MANAGEMENT BYELAWS

Purpose of this hour

- What are the camping byelaws?
- How did we get here?
- Camping Management Byelaw review
 - What must we do and when?
- What is the scope of the review?
- Types of evidence and insights
- Understanding use
- Engagement
- What happens next?



What are the Byelaws?

- From a legal perspective the Camping Management Byelaws are relatively simple in nature mainly focused on:
 - Restricting overnight camping in designated areas (**The Camping Management Zones**) from March to September
 - Limiting damage from **fires** in the same designated areas from March to September
 - Banning the removal of **deadwood** in the same designated areas from March to September



Camping opportunities

- The camping byelaws are supported by:
 - The **Camping Permit Scheme** (tents and motorhomes)
 - £4.30 per tent/motorhome per night (admin cost – not income)
 - The provision and management of **low cost publicly run campsites**
 - £10.80 per adult per night/ £2.10 per child per night
 - The **field staff and back-office operation** to manage the byelaws
 - Signage
 - Communication Campaigns

(costs are 2025)

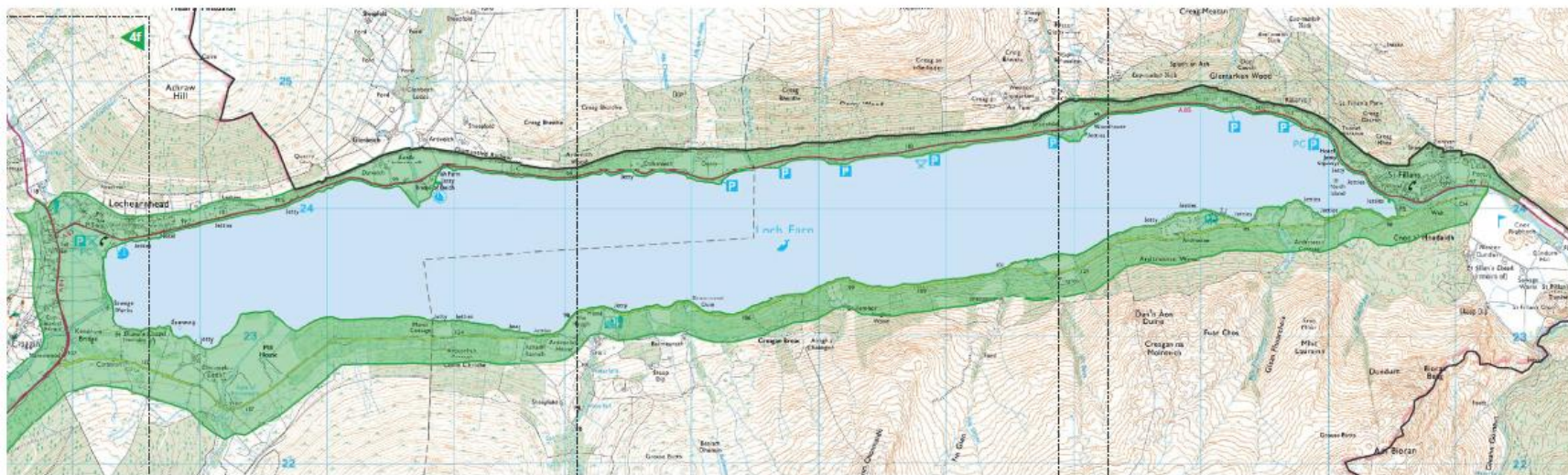


- West Loch Lomond zone
- East Loch Lomond zone
- Trossachs West zone
- Trossachs North zone



OVERVIEW OF MANAGEMENT ZONES

Detailed mapping of zones



Trossachs North (Loch Earn)

How did we get here?

Original aims of the Your Park (including the Byelaws) project:

- Protect and conserve the area's beauty, habitats and wildlife for future generations
- Ensure that a variety of visitors can come and enjoy our lochshores
- Reduce the types of behaviour, damage and pollution that ruins other visitors and residents' enjoyment
- Deliver a wide range of opportunities to camp across the National Park so visitors are provided with a better camping experience with the right type of facilities
- Provide opportunities for local businesses to flourish
- Ensure that people know how to truly 'wild' camp without leaving a trace of their visit



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park is a special place.
You are in a Camping Management Zone.
From 1 March to 30 September you cannot camp here, camping is only permitted in campsites and permit areas.

To find out where to camp, buy a permit or book a pitch visit:
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

Failure to comply with the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Camping Management Byelaws 2017, between 1 March and 30 September, can result in a fine of up to £500.

For more information call 01389 722001





SALLOCHY BAY (BEFORE)



SALLOCHY BAY (AFTER)

Vegetation and habitats



LAND RECOVERY AT LOCHAN MAOIL DHUINNE

Reviewing the Camping Management Byelaws

NPPP – Connecting People with Nature and Climate

2045 OUTCOME

A PLACE FOR ALL TO ENJOY SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

Opportunities for everyone to value and enjoy the special qualities/ benefits of the National Park safely.

OBJECTIVE 3

SUPPORT SAFE, RESPONSIBLE ACCESS

A wide range of enjoyable and safe visitor experiences which are managed in a way which is compatible with nature and climate considerations and supporting thriving communities.

ACTIONS

IN DELIVERY

- » Taking a partnership approach to visitor management to ensure co-ordination of the work of all public bodies with a role in supporting the safe and responsible enjoyment of the National Park.
- » Operating and keeping under review the Loch Lomond and Camping Byelaws to encourage positive behaviour and protect the National Park's sensitive environment.
- » Co-ordinating a multi-agency approach to promoting visitor safety across responsible bodies to ensure the safe enjoyment of publicly managed and other popular visitor sites.

DELIVERY PARTNERS

- » National Park Visitor Management Group
 - Police Scotland
 - Transport Scotland
 - Forestry and Land Scotland
 - Argyll & Bute Council
 - Perth & Kinross Council
 - Stirling Council
 - West Dunbartonshire Council
- » Water Safety Scotland

THE NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY'S ROLE

Lead/Enable

Our commitments

- We must complete a review of the Byelaws by the 28th February 2027 and submit to Scottish Government Ministers
- We must undertake a statutory 12-week public consultation


Scope of review

- **Included:**
 - A review of the existing Byelaws with **amendments** and the creation of new byelaws if required
 - Consideration of **where and when** the Byelaws will apply
 - A position on **camping provision**, do we offer enough opportunities?
 - Better understanding of **our campers** and wider **climate discussions related to fires**
- **Not Included*:**
 - A review of the overarching Camping Development Framework
 - A review of the Permit Areas and publicly managed campsites
 - Updated policy positions and broader solutions for littering and toileting
 - A motorhome management plan

*These issues can be picked up in later work programmes

Likely questions and asks

- *“Are they making a difference?”*
- *“Can they be changed to include my local area?”*
- *“Can they be changed to exclude my local area?”*
- *“Are they excluding people?”*
- *“Is it worth the effort and money?”*
- *“Can it be extended to cover October?”*
- *“Do you really need them in March?”*
- *“Are you able to provide enough permits for demand?”*
- *“Are you banning fires?”*
- *“Why don’t you just have a byelaw for the whole Park?”*
- *“Why is this needed only here?”*
- *“Does this displace issues to other areas?”*



CAMPING IN THE PARK

PERMIT AREA

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park is a special place. You are in a Camping Management Zone, which has been established to help protect the National Park.

Camping in this area from 1st March to 30th September requires a permit, which can be bought online at www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

For more information call 01389 722001

KEY

- Permit Area Boundary
- Path
- A Camping Permit Area
- P Parking
- Photo area

Loch Drunkie

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**LOCH
LOMOND
& THE TROSSACHS
NATIONAL PARK**

Evidence and insights

- Our evidence report is being prepared and based on the parameters of the 3 Year Report that was submitted to Scottish Government in 2019.
- This evidence report will evolve through the process and inform the key engagement and discussion stages.
- Key points:
 - Data from Ranger Patrols and from our camping system is robust and of a very high quality
 - Some evidence will be qualitative as well as quantitative
 - Evidence linked to environmental impact and change is more difficult to demonstrate
 - We will be capturing and considering wider trends such as visits to the outdoors and lessons learnt through the pandemic

Provision and capacity

Area	Permit Areas and Informal Campsites (2019)	
	Tents	Motorhome
East Loch Lomond	43	0
West Loch Lomond	37	7
Trossachs West	32	0
Trossachs North	188	20
Totals	300	27
	327	

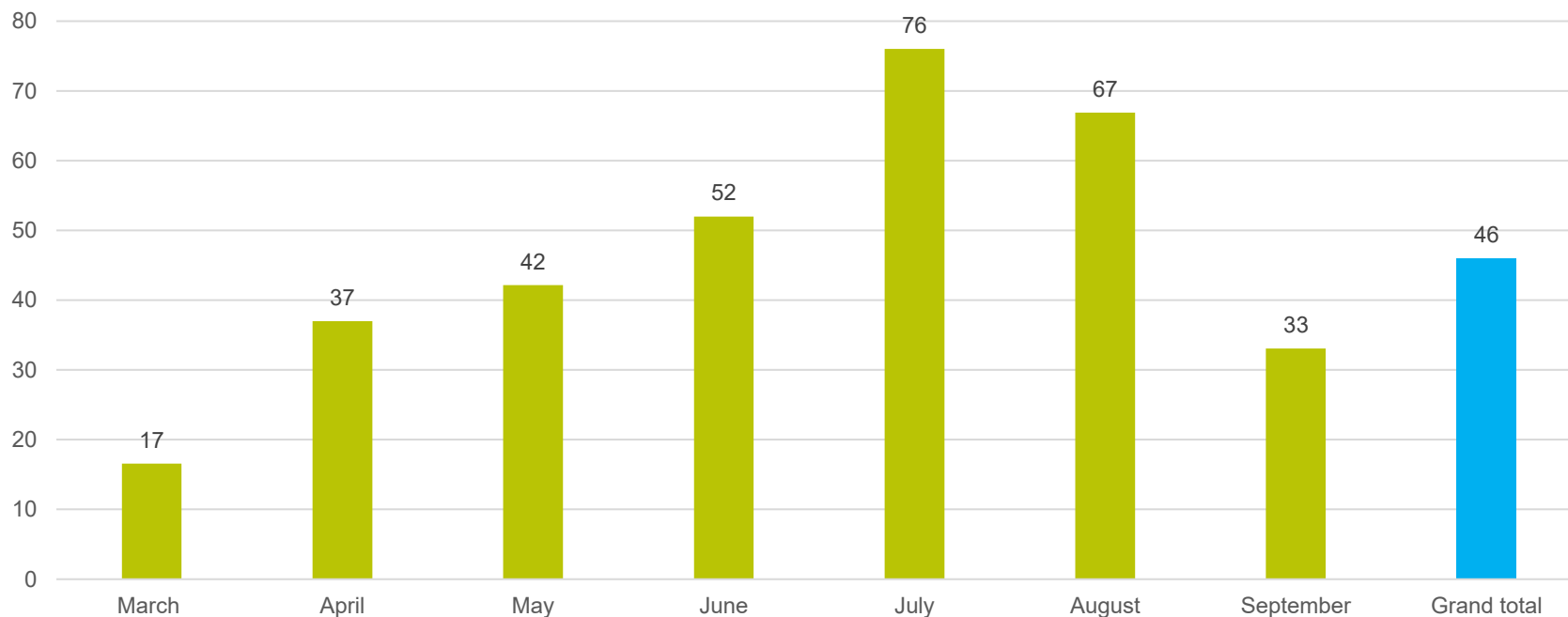
Includes all permit areas; Loch Chon campsite; Loch Achray campsite; Loch Lubnaig campsite; Sallochy campsite; Hostelling Scotland Rowardennan camping provision.
Motorhome permits also cover campervans, for simplicity the word 'motorhome' is used.

Area	Permit Areas and Informal Campsites (2025)	
	Tents	Motorhome
East Loch Lomond	38	0
West Loch Lomond	39	9
Trossachs West	32	0
Trossachs North	160	26
Totals	269	35
	304	

** waiting to hear about Rowardennan Youth hostel camping numbers
Includes all permit areas; Loch Chon Campsite; Loch Achray campsite; Sallochy campsite; Hostelling Scotland Rowardennan camping provision.
Motorhome permits also cover campervans, for simplicity the word 'motorhome' is used

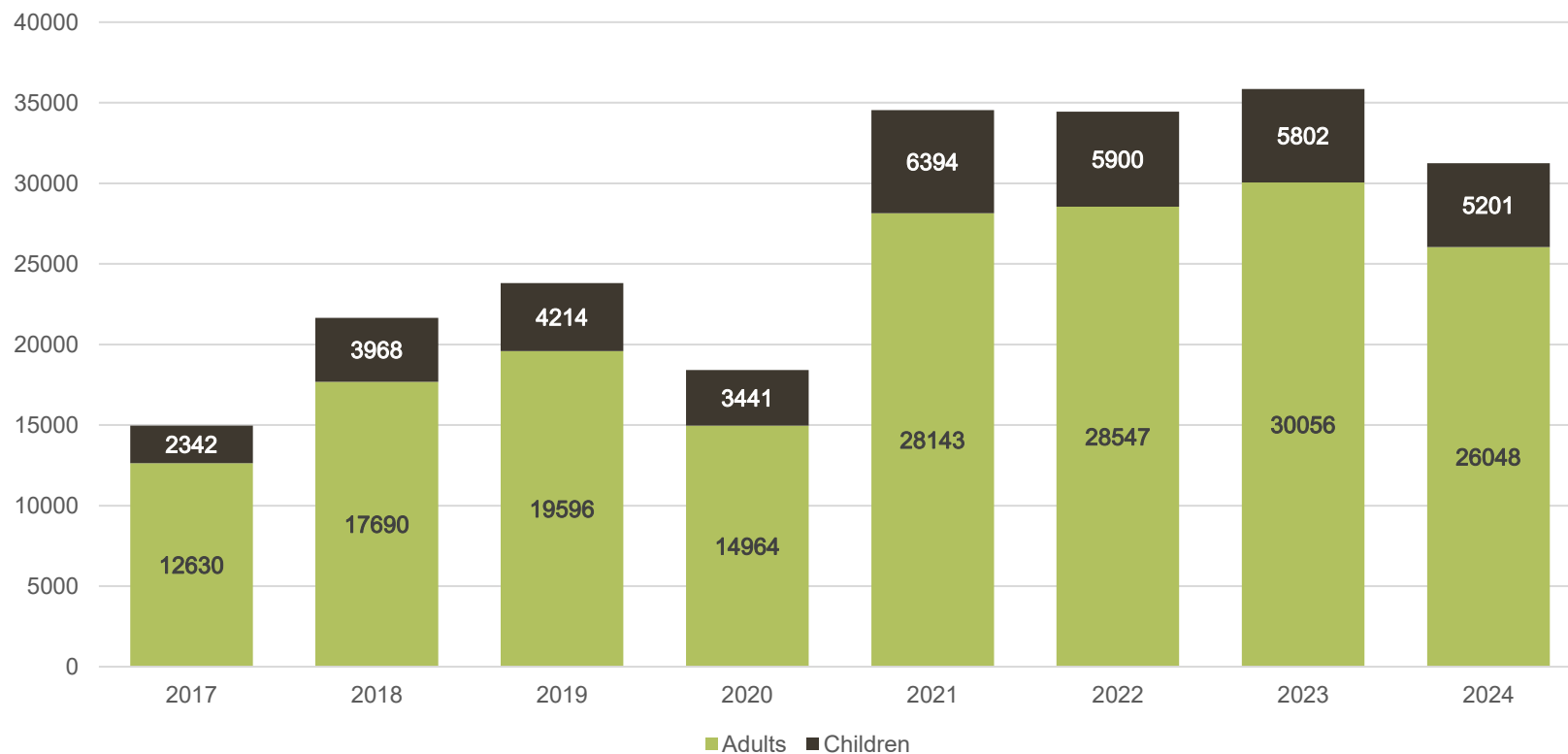
Occupancy snapshots

ALL PERMIT AREAS TOTAL (TENTS & MOTORHOMES)
Occupancy Rate % 2022

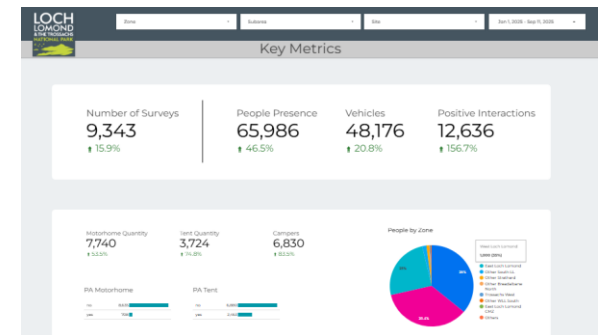
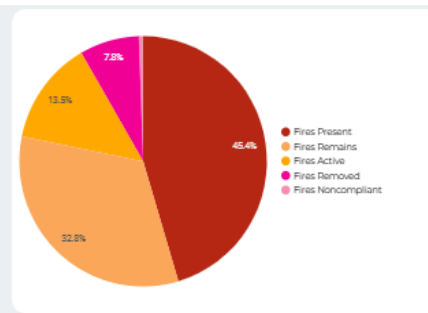
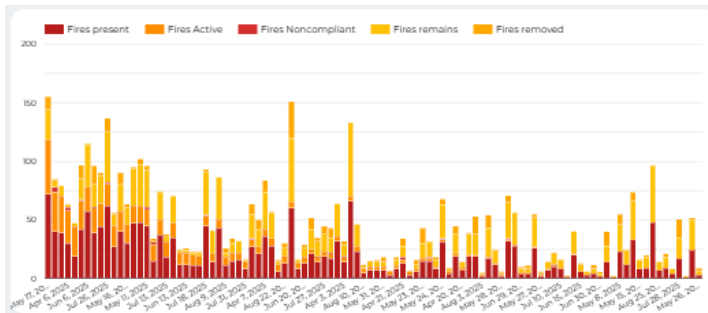
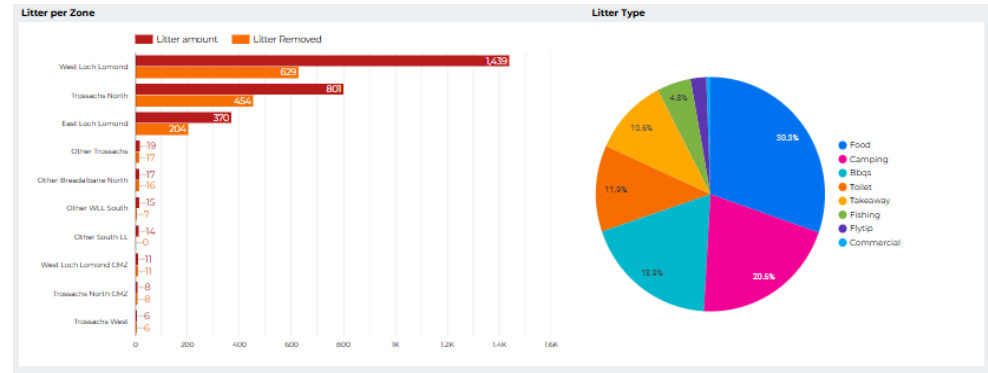
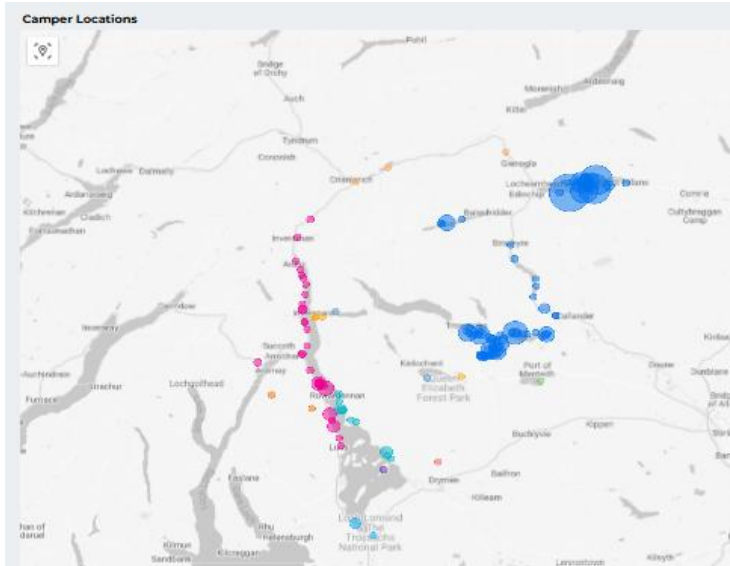


Understanding demand

Annual total number people camping in permit areas (split by number of adults and children)



Sharing our insights



Customer feedback

- 2024 satisfaction rates remain high with **91% of respondents being likely or quite likely to recommend one of our camping permit areas** (compared to 92% in 2023 and 89% in 2022).
- It was a similar picture for our campsites with **96% of Loch Chon Campsite** survey respondents being likely or quite likely to recommend the experience (99% in 2023) and 94% for Loch Achray Campsite (99% in 2023).

- Some examples of constructive feedback included:

“Easier access to booking and permit areas being more precise on the internet.”

“No improvement needed, other than I don't recall being sent a confirmation email with the name of the parking spot I had booked into.”

“Maybe number the bays as slight confusion as to which motorhome bay was who's. Otherwise, amazing”

“Better images of the sites.”

Engagement plan

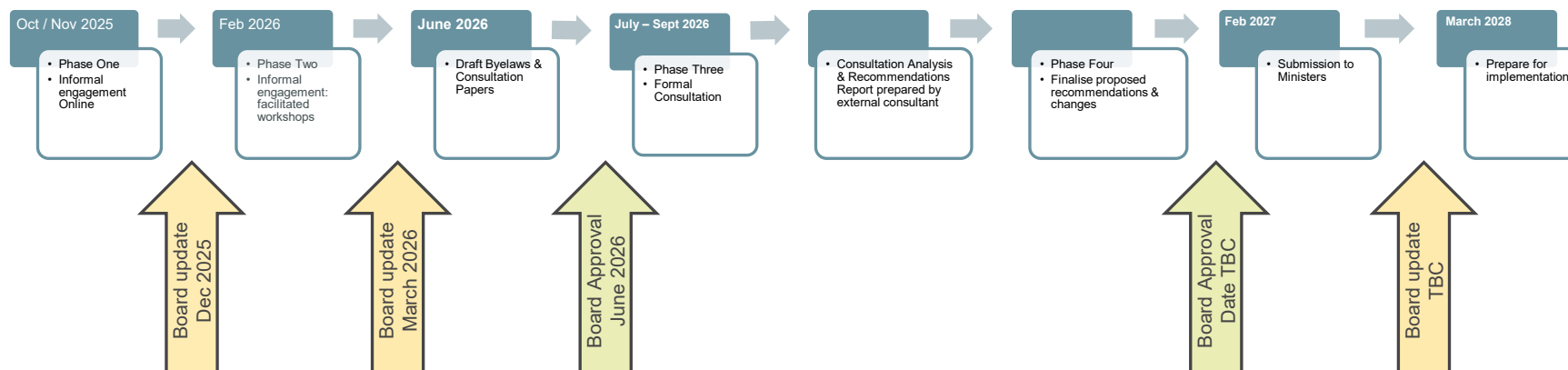
Our engagement plan has 3 key phases

- **Phase 1** preliminary discussions: introductory discussions with key and high profile stakeholders to introduce the CMB review process, get a temperature check, trail evidence and ratify the topics that will be of most interest for further engagement. **Nov 2025**
 - 6 Place Based Visitor Management Groups (LDP alignment)
 - National Recreation Interests
 - Targeted National Park Partnership Plan partners – FLS
- Key Questions:
 - What do you think of the CMBs? What changes have you seen because of them being in place? Has it had an impact on you?
 - What has worked well?
 - What could be better? What topics would you like to explore in a later workshop?

Engagement Plan into 2026

- **Phase 2** informal engagement: facilitated workshops with groups of stakeholders on topics of interest and trail potential recommendations to inform formal consultation proposals. February 2026.
- **Phase 3** formal consultation: 12-week online consultation for the wider public to gather feedback on the proposed changes to the CMB. To be delivered over July – September 2026.

Expected key Board dates



Martin Earl Insights

Discussion / Q&A

Shaping the Camping Management Byelaw Review

2026

DISCUSSION PACK

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Seasonal Camping Management Byelaws were introduced to Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park in 2017 and are required by law to be reviewed every ten years.

The first review of the Camping Management Byelaws is due to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 1st March 2027.

This Discussion Pack sets out more information as context for initial stakeholder discussions, including key topics and proposals for amendments to the Byelaws.

These discussions with stakeholders will help shape the proposals to be taken forward to public consultation.



1. About the Byelaws

Camping has always been an incredibly popular activity in the National Park and is a great way for people to connect with nature.

However, the very high volume of people camping in some of our most easily accessible lochshore areas combined with significant antisocial behaviour by some campers, had over several years a negative impact on the experience for other visitors, on local communities and on the environment.

The Camping Management Byelaws were introduced in 2017 to both protect these parts of the National Park and improve the experience for visitors and those who live and work in these areas.

The Camping Management Byelaws are in place to help protect nature, provide positive experiences for visitors, and support local communities. This contributes to the National Park's overarching aim of securing a positive future for people, nature, and climate.

Over the last ten years the Byelaws have delivered significant improvements in reducing environmental damage and antisocial behaviour. We continue to be committed to this and ensuring that camping in the National Park remains sustainable, enjoyable and inclusive.



How the Byelaws came about

The National Park Authority, in collaboration with partners including Police Scotland, had over many years applied a number of different approaches to tackling these issues before recommending and implementing Camping Management Byelaws.

Byelaws were first introduced on East Loch Lomond in 2011 to tackle problems associated with camping and irresponsible fire-lighting.




This resulted in a significant reduction in irresponsible behaviour and saw the quality of the visitor experience in the area greatly improved. This experience led to the consideration of further byelaws to address similar problems in other areas of the National Park.

A public consultation was carried out in 2014 to gather views on potential new byelaws. Proposals were then considered by the National Park Authority Board before being submitted to Scottish Ministers in May 2015.

The Camping Management Byelaws were approved by Scottish Ministers on 26th January 2016 and came into effect on 1st March 2017. The National Park Authority is responsible for their management.

Aims of the Byelaws

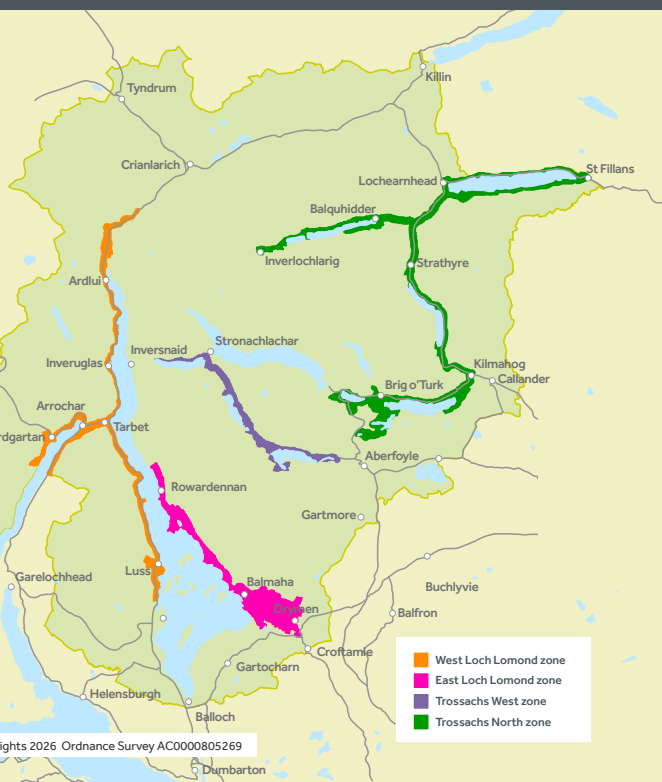
The aims of the Byelaws are to:

-  **Protect the environment**
-  **Ensure that there are a wide range of opportunities for people of all backgrounds to camp at accessible locations within the National Park**
-  **Minimise incidents of anti-social behaviour and disturbance to communities, businesses and other visitors**

The National Park Authority is responsible for their appropriate and effective management and enforcement through clear and understandable rules and engagement.



Map of Camping Management Zones



How the Byelaws work

The Byelaws are seasonal, in effect from 1st March to 30th September every year, and cover popular lochshore areas called 'Camping Management Zones' (CMZs) (see Appendix 1 - Map of the existing Camping Management Zones). They do not cover the whole National Park.

Between March and September people wishing to camp within the Camping Management Zones need to book into a camping permit area or stay at a campsite.

The Byelaws also manage the use of fires and collection of wood in these areas.

The Byelaws are part of a wider package of measures and tactics used to manage visitor pressures in popular areas of the National Park.



2. Reviewing the Byelaws

The National Park Authority are responsible for the implementation of the Byelaws and are legally required by law to review them at least once every ten years.

We have already held early discussions with key stakeholders as part of our end of season review meetings in 2025. This stage of stakeholder discussions is informed by the previous ones and looks in more detail at some of the topics and proposals for possible adjustments to the Byelaws. This stage will be followed by a public consultation.

Following consultation, a full Review will be submitted to the Scottish Ministers with proposals for adjustments or an alternative plan to the existing Byelaws.

Aims of the Review

The Review will look at whether the Byelaws are still achieving their aim of balancing environmental, economic and social pressures in these accessible areas to ensure they remain welcoming places that protect nature and provide opportunities for everyone to enjoy this special landscape, now and in future.

The Review is driven by insight and data gathered on how the Byelaws have worked over the last 10 years, as well as the views of stakeholders and the public. It will draw on evidence from the past decade, examining social, behavioural, economic and environmental impacts, as well as changes in the way that people undertake camping activity since the Byelaws were introduced. It will also look at whether the Byelaws need to adapt to environmental, social, and economic changes expected in the coming years.

Evidence will include but not be limited to that gathered in the [Camping Management Byelaws: Three Year Report](#) produced in 2020.

The Review will be open and collaborative, encouraging views from a wide range of partners, communities and the public to help shape how camping is managed in the National Park over the coming years.

What will the Review cover?

We are reviewing the existing Camping Management Byelaws to consider and recommend:

- ▶ Changes, if they are needed
- ▶ New Byelaws, if appropriate
- ▶ Elements of the Byelaws which could be removed





What the Review will NOT cover

It is important to recognise that regulation and enforcement are not the only ways to address negative impacts associated with camping on the environment, people that live and work in the National Park and other visitors. The effective use of information, engagement and well-designed and managed infrastructure can also be used, not only to mitigate against negative impacts but to enhance people's experiences.

Some themes emerging in these discussions may not be able to be addressed by this Review. However, the National Park Authority and its partners will continue to work together on the following themes:

- ▶ A review of the management of the National Park Authority Camping Permit Scheme and Campsites
- ▶ The provision of additional low-cost camping provision for tent-based camping
- ▶ A plan for the provision of facilities and safe overnight parking opportunities for motorhomes and campervans throughout the National Park
- ▶ Investigate and provide policy positions and proposals to tackle littering and irresponsible toileting
- ▶ Work with the Sustainable Transport programme to reduce the number of campers arriving using private vehicles

Further details of this work will be highlighted in the final Byelaw Review Report that will be submitted to Scottish Government Ministers by March 2027.

What do we know so far?

Since the introduction of the Byelaws in 2017 camping in National Park Authority camping permit areas and low-cost campsites have proven to be extremely popular, with an increasing number of children and families visiting. Feedback from campers shows high levels of satisfaction with a good proportion of visitors making repeat bookings, demonstrating that camping in these sites provides a positive, enjoyable experience.

Camping has also proven to be an important part of Scotland's domestic tourism offer and provides an inclusive opportunity for people to experience camping in the National Park. In terms of enforcement, the vast majority of campers have complied with the Byelaws with a proportionate level of enforcement. This suggests that having the Byelaws in place does help manage camping behaviour without high levels of enforcement action.





BETWEEN 2017 AND 2025

293,906 people

have camped in a permit area or low-cost campsite.



240,584 adults



53,322 children



INSIGHT High volumes / high popularity



SATISFACTION SCORES
AVERAGE AT OVER **90%**

INSIGHT

Popular, enjoyable experiences



25%

of customers booked permits more than once.

INSIGHT

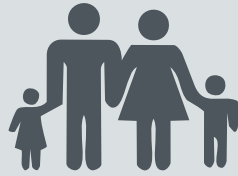
Popular experiences / unlikely displacement



The number of people camping increased by

91%

ADULTS ▲



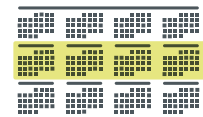
87%

CHILDREN ▲



INSIGHT High increasing popularity / shift to family audience

MAY
AUGUST



Camping in permit areas and low-cost campsites is most popular around the peak months May – August and especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

INSIGHT

Lower demand in the shoulder months and high weekend demand

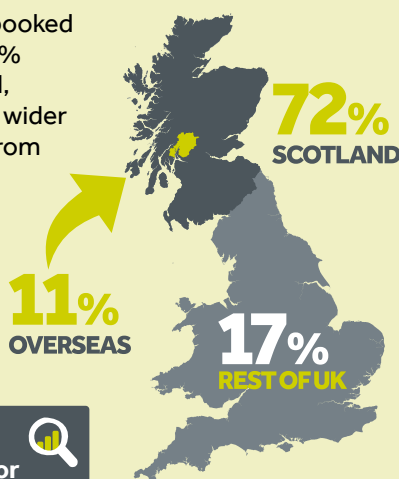


INSIGHT

Byelaws play a role in managing volumes and dispersal



Visitors who booked stays were 72% from Scotland, 17% from the wider UK and 11% from overseas.



INSIGHT

Important for domestic tourism



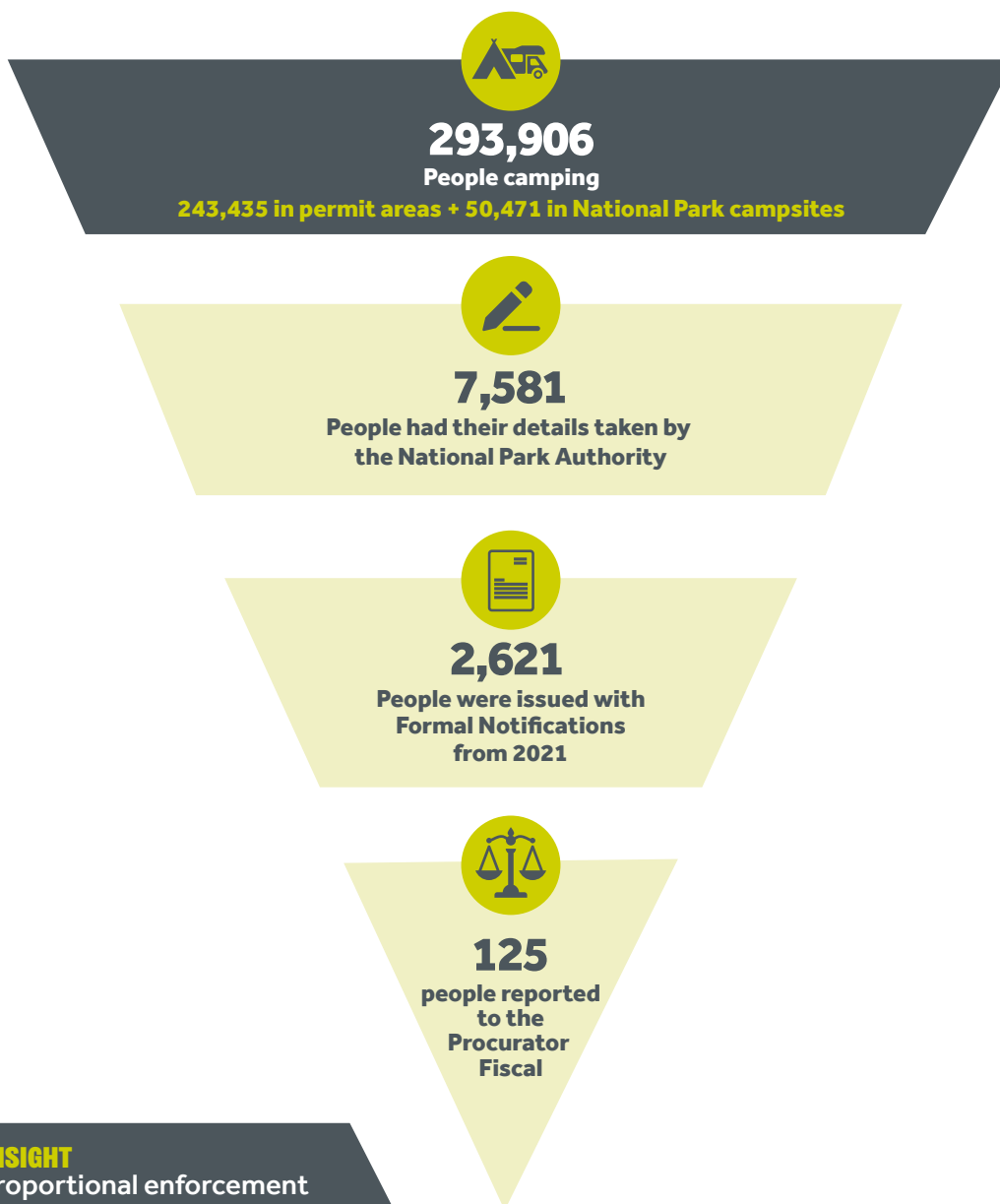
Scottish visitors booking National Park Authority camping permits or campsites are equally represented across all categories of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation SIMD.

INSIGHT

Provides an inclusive offer



Byelaw compliance levels 2017 - 2025



Camping Management Byelaws: Three Year Report (2020)

The Byelaws Three Year Report (2020) showed us that the Byelaws, combined with a seasonal permit system and new low-cost campsites, significantly improved conditions. Vegetation recovered in prohibited areas; fire sites and litter declined, and visitor compliance remains high.

While some challenges persisted, such as slower recovery in managed zones and occasional large volumes of litter, the measures reduced pressure on sensitive environments and improved visitor safety. The report from 2020 recommended continuing the Byelaws alongside education and infrastructure improvements to ensure sustainable camping.

3. Proposals for Discussion

With the scope of the Review in mind, and the data gathered so far, the National Park Authority is currently proposing that the Camping Management Byelaws continue with adjustments considering social, economic and environmental changes since they were first introduced.

These adjustments are being proposed for discussion at this stage with key stakeholders.

Each of these proposals have and will continue to be tested based on the following principles:

- ▶ **Proportionality** – is the proposal a reasonable and proportionate response to the issue identified?
- ▶ **Evidence base** – is there evidence to support this proposal?
- ▶ **Enforceability** – can this be easily enforced, or will it make enforcement easier?
- ▶ **Practicability** – how easily can this be implemented?
- ▶ **Impact** – will the proposal truly help to address the issues required and not cause additional issues?
- ▶ **Alternatives** – can this issue be addressed in another way (for example through our own procedures, highlighting this issue in a national conversation, through communications campaigns, etc.) rather than through the Byelaws?



Topic 1

Areas covered by the Byelaws



Topic 2

Timing of the Byelaws



Topic 3

Use of fires and barbecues



Topic 4

Motorhomes and campervans



Topic 5

Protection for enforcement staff

Topic 1: Areas covered by the Byelaws

Context

The Camping Management Zones do not cover the whole of the National Park area. They cover only the most popular lochshore areas where the most negative impacts were occurring and which have continued to be popular with bookings since the Byelaws were introduced.



KEY FACT

Since 2017 complaints and feedback related to irresponsible tent-based camping outside of the Camping Management Zones have reduced.



INSIGHT

There is insufficient evidence currently to support significantly increasing the geographical area of Camping Management Zones.




Current National Park Authority position

Based on current analysis, it is not proposed that any of the Camping Management Zone boundaries should be reduced. However, one area is proposed for consideration for potential increase to help protect the Site of Special Scientific Interest: River Dochart Meadows at Loch Iubhair. This area has been assessed by NatureScot as being in an Unfavourable declining condition partly due negative pressures identified as 'Wild Camping'.

Options for discussion

- ▶ Keep the existing areas covered by the Camping Management Zones
- ▶ Remove the Camping Management Zones from certain areas
- ▶ Include new areas

Outcomes this would achieve:

-  Protecting the environment
-  Minimising disturbance and anti-social behaviour
-  Management and enforcement

Evidence being reviewed:

- ▶ People and traffic counters
- ▶ Complaints
- ▶ Feedback on camping outwith Camping Management Zones
- ▶ Management discussions with local stakeholders

Topic 2: Timing of the Byelaws

CONTEXT

The Camping Management Byelaws are currently in effect from 1st March – 30th September. They are designed to apply during the core visitor periods associated with the highest volume of camping and associated pressures.



KEY FACTS

Permit areas and low-cost campsites are most popular around the peak months May – August and especially on Friday & Saturday nights.

Byelaw enforcement is concentrated across the peak months of May to August, but March and September do require Ranger presence to ensure compliance.



INSIGHT

There are significantly lower numbers of people camping and people breaching the Byelaws in March with a downward trend in September than during the months of April to August.




Current National Park Authority position

Based on current analysis, the National Park Authority is not proposing that the current timeframe the Camping Management Byelaws apply should change.

Options for discussion

- ▶ Keep the existing timeframes
- ▶ Reduce timescale
- ▶ Increase timescale

Outcomes this would achieve:

-  Protecting the environment
-  Minimising disturbance and anti-social behaviour
-  Management and enforcement

Evidence being reviewed:

- ▶ People and traffic counters
- ▶ Weather patterns
- ▶ Camping booking data
- ▶ Enforcement data
- ▶ Complaints
- ▶ Feedback on camping outwith Camping Management Zones
- ▶ Management discussions with local stakeholders

Topic 3: Use of Fires and Barbecues

CONTEXT

The Byelaws relating to fires apply within the Camping Management Zones. The Byelaws do not ban campfires but are in place to manage the damaging effects of campfires, collection of deadwood and damaging trees.



KEY FACTS

Campfires are common throughout the Camping Management Zones. These fires can have a damaging effect in particular at times of very high or extreme fire risk.



INSIGHT

Fires are a popular element of camping experience.

A number of areas within the Camping Management Zones will become under increasing risk of wildfires due to Climate Change.



INSIGHT

Behaviours around fires should change in times of high fire risk.




Current National Park Authority position

Based on current analysis, the National Park Authority believes that a proportionate approach would be to adjust the current Byelaw to make it an offence to have a fire or barbecue directly on the ground, and that people must dispose of ash appropriately after the fire has been extinguished and that a fire should be extinguished if requested to do so by a Ranger.

Options for discussion

- ▶ Keep existing fire Byelaws
- ▶ Strengthen Byelaws in relation to fires and barbecues

Outcomes this would achieve:

-  Protecting the environment
-  Minimising disturbance and anti-social behaviour
-  Management and enforcement

Evidence being reviewed

- ▶ Ranger Patrol data
- ▶ Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority Climate Change Adaptation Risks and Opportunities Assessment
- ▶ Camping booking data
- ▶ Enforcement data
- ▶ Complaints
- ▶ Feedback on camping outwith Camping Management Zones
- ▶ Management discussions with local stakeholders

Topic 4: Motorhomes and campervans

CONTEXT

The Byelaws aim to address issues caused by motorhomes and campervans by making it an offence to sleep overnight in a vehicle within the Camping Management Zones.



KEY FACT

From 2017 to 2024, registrations of both new and pre-owned motorhomes in the UK have increased by approximately 13%.



INSIGHT

Motorhomes & campervans have grown in popularity significantly since the introduction of the Byelaws, both locally and nationally.




Current National Park Authority position:

Based on current analysis, the National Park Authority believes a practicable approach would be to increase the control of some behaviours associated with vehicle-based camping such as the use of awning and rooftop tents.

Options for discussion

- ▶ Keep the existing Byelaws relating to motorhomes and campervans
- ▶ Strengthen the Byelaws to increase control of behaviours related to motorhome camping such as the use of awnings and rooftop tents

Outcomes this would achieve:

-  Protecting the environment
-  Minimising disturbance and anti-social behaviour
-  Management and enforcement

Evidence being reviewed

- ▶ Ranger Patrol data
- ▶ Camping booking data (inc. Forestry and Land Scotland 'Stay the night')
- ▶ National Caravan Council motorhome registrations
- ▶ Enforcement data
- ▶ Complaints
- ▶ Feedback on camping outwith Camping Management Zones
- ▶ Management discussions with local partners and stakeholders

Topic 5: Protection for Enforcement Staff

CONTEXT

The Byelaws make it an offence to obstruct a National Park officer while performing their duties. Through engagement and enforcement of the Camping Management Byelaws the Ranger Service have reported an increase in the instances of aggressive behaviour towards them while carrying out their duties.



KEY FACT

Aggression towards field staff while performing their duties is on the increase. Recorded instances have risen by more than double since 2021.



INSIGHT

Concerning issue and trend which needs to be addressed.



Current National Park Authority position

Based on current analysis the National Park Authority proposes that the Byelaws are amended to make it an offence not only to obstruct an officer in the proper execution of their duties but to behave in an aggressive manner towards a National Park officer.

Options for discussion

- ▶ Strengthen Byelaws on aggressive behaviour toward National Park officers
- ▶ Keep the Byelaws as they are

Outcomes this would achieve:

-  Safeguarding staff
-  Management and enforcement

Evidence being reviewed

- ▶ Ranger Patrol data
- ▶ Enforcement data
- ▶ Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority incident and near miss reporting (ParkSafe)
- ▶ UNISON 2025 violence at work report
- ▶ Feedback from National Visitor Management Groups and Partners

4. Other topics and considerations

The National Park Authority's analysis and engagement so far, have also identified and considered other topics.

These included:

- ▶ Banning fires and disposable barbecues in the Camping Management Zones
- ▶ Banning fires and disposable barbecues across the whole National Park
- ▶ Amending any proposed fires and barbecue related and deadwood collection byelaws to apply all year round
- ▶ Removing the offence of sleeping in a vehicle overnight
- ▶ Amending the existing byelaw relating to restricting overnight sleep in a vehicle to make it more easily enforceable
- ▶ Introducing a byelaw to make causing nuisance to communities or other campers an offence
- ▶ Increasing camping provision
- ▶ Addressing littering using a byelaw
- ▶ Addressing irresponsible toileting using a byelaw

These topics are not proposed to be taken forward at this stage due to either failing the six tests outlined earlier in this document or not being within the scope of the Byelaw Review.



5. Next steps

Ahead of consultation

Following the workshops, stakeholders can continue to feed back their views on these outcomes and proposals to help us shape and refine potential changes to the Byelaws that will be consulted on this summer. Please send these to cmbreview@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Public Consultation

Once the consultation is live, stakeholders will be encouraged to submit a formal response. The National Park Authority will also publicise and run further sessions in the summer on the Review to ensure that wider stakeholders and members of the public also engage with the consultation.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact cmbreview@lochlomond-trossachs.org

6. Review timeline

October 2025 - May 2026

Informal engagement with key stakeholders to help us shape this review and any proposed revisions to the Byelaws that will be consulted on this summer.

November - December 2026

We will refine the changes based on analysis of the consultation responses. A draft of the Camping Management Byelaws 2027 will then be presented to the National Park Authority Board for approval.

January 2027 - February 2027

Subject to prior Board approval, the proposed Byelaws will be published online and made available at National Park Authority Offices for a period of one month before they are submitted to Scottish Ministers for comment and approval.

March 2028

Any agreed changes are anticipated to come into effect from 1 March 2028.

- OCT
- NOV
- DEC
- JAN
- FEB
- MAR
- APR
- MAY

2026

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June - October 2026

The proposed changes will be presented to the National Park Authority Board. Subject to their approval, a formal 12-week consultation will then be launched inviting public comment on the proposed Byelaws.

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March 2027 onwards

We will continue to work with Scottish Government and respond to any requests to allow final approval of the new Byelaws. During this time, we will continue to liaise with key stakeholders to ensure that everyone is fully aware of any changes before the new Byelaws are implemented in 2028.

We will undertake any physical and procedural measures, such as the installation of signage, for example, required to implement the new Byelaws and ensure staff are adequately trained. During this period, the existing Byelaws will continue to be enforced.

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This Discussion Pack is intended to provide information as context for initial stakeholder discussions to help shape the Camping Management Byelaw Review and inform the development of the formal, public consultation.

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