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EIR Ref: 2016/018

24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Mr Kempe

## **REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

We have applied the exemption under Section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as we have determined that the information sought in your request is environmental information. We are therefore handling your request under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). In this case the public interest in maintaining this exemption and in dealing with the request in line with the requirements of the EIRs outweighs any public interest in disclosing the information under FOISA.

As stated in my letter of acknowledgement dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016, clarification is required of what additional written information you are looking for about the North Loch Venachar site. Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

- 1. Information you hold about the work that has been completed at the North Loch Venachar site including plans and how much of the allocated budget from last year and this has been spent on the works to date (creation of the tarmac area, wall, gates, signage and some seats). I would also appreciate a response to the following specific questions:**

The plans relating to the site can be viewed on the Park Authority online planning portal:  
<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/online-planning-information/menu-id-595.html>

The planning reference is 2014/0264/DET.

£172K plus VAT was spent from the 2015/16 budget on construction costs at this site, including creation of the tarmac area, wall, gates signage and some seats.

- 2. Why was it decided to replace the gravel car parking spaces marked on the original plan with tarmac?**

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Tarmac was used to eliminate ruts developing in the gravel next to kerbs creating dips and bumps.

**3. Why have the number of car parking bays been reduced from the original plan? Specifically what has been decided about the 13 car parking spaces shown on the original design for the north side of the car park?**

As stated in FOI response 2015/026, the Park Authority has been reviewing approaches to camping management and provision in the 5 Lochs areas as part of the Your Park project. The original proposals in relation to the number of car parking bays have been superseded.

**4. Why are there no parking spaces for motorhomes? (two were marked on the original map).**

The parking spaces that have been provided are big enough for small motorhomes to park in. As stated in FOI response 2015/026, the Park Authority has been reviewing approaches to camping management and provision in the 5 Lochs areas as part of the Your Park project. The original proposals in relation to parking spaces for motorhomes have been superseded.

**5. Has the treatment/septic tank marked on the original design been installed under the car parking area? If not, how could a toilet block still be possible for this site as originally proposed in the 5 Lochs Management Plan?**

No septic tank has been installed on the site. As stated in FOI response 2015/026, the Park Authority has been reviewing approaches to camping management and provision in the 5 Lochs areas as part of the Your Park project, the proposals in the 5 Lochs Management Plan have been superseded.

**6. Is a wood store and barbecue stands still planned for the area around the car park? (none are in evidence but I appreciate the intention may be to install these now the main works are completed)**

No wood store is planned. BBQ plates will be fitted to the picnic benches. As stated in FOI response 2015/026, the Park Authority has been reviewing approaches to camping management and provision in the 5 Lochs areas as part of the Your Park project, the proposals in the 5 Lochs Management Plan have been superseded.

**7. Is a recycling point still planned for this site (none was in evidence but is clearly needed)?**

No recycling point is planned. As stated in FOI response 2015/026, the Park Authority has been reviewing approaches to camping management and provision in the 5 Lochs areas as part of the Your Park project, the proposals in the 5 Lochs Management Plan have been superseded.

**8. Are the four picnic benches which I saw all that is planned for the site or is the intention to provide the seven which were illustrated in the original plans?**

The picnic benches that are installed are all that is currently planned for the site. As stated in FOI response 2015/026, the Park Authority has been reviewing approaches to camping

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Yours sincerely

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### Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this response, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to ask the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you must:-

- Lodge a written request for a review within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the University or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, whichever is the later.
- Include your name, address for correspondence, a description of the original request, and the reasons why you are dissatisfied; and

address your review request to the Governance & Legal Services Manager:

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Please note that links provided to information available elsewhere are intended to assist you. Requests for information held by other public authorities, and any complaints regarding access to such information should be addressed to that authority. These review procedures relate only to information which is directly under the control of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority.

The review of your request 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.

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