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EIR Ref: 2016/040

15th September 2016

Dear Mr Kempe

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 20th August 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.

Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

“A couple of months ago I noticed new Pay and Display machines at the Inveruglas car park which were not then in operation. I would like to request under Freedom of Information the cost to the LLTNPA of installing these machines (I forgot to count them so please also confirm how many machines were installed).”

The cost for installing the concrete bases and proprietary cradles was £562.20. This was carried out by a contractor. Two national park staff then spent two hours installing the meters on the bases. There are two machines.

“provide me with or point me to the Board Meeting which approved the installation of these machines and any car park charging policy.”

Charging for the use of car parking was included as part of the Park Authority Commercial Strategy paper which was submitted to the Board for approval at the meeting of 17th June 2013. A copy of this paper is attached.

The National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 includes provision for the Park Authority to raise charges. Schedule 2 refers: ‘A National Park authority may fix and recover charges for goods, services and facilities provided in the course of carrying out its functions.’

“provide me with any data the Park has on use of this carpark apart from Ranger Patrol records which I have.”

Ranger patrols report on the use of the car park, basic details of which are recorded on patrol

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records. There is no other information held on the use of the Inveruglas car park. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that no relevant information is held.

“provide me with or point me to any Board papers or internal documents which have determined the LLTNP's policy and practice in terms of locking of gates - for example, on visiting Firkin point I noticed that the gates are shut at 9pm in summer but much earlier in winter and would like to understand the Park's basis for this while in other places, such as the carpark by your Convener's House, you have told me the gates are not locked at all at present.”

The decision to lock gates is an operational matter which is taken on a case by case basis according to conditions on site, which will vary according to different seasons and weather conditions. There is no overarching policy, therefore I have to advise you under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that no relevant information is held.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer
info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

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 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 **LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

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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.

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 Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, at:

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