



Mr Nick Kempe  
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EIR Ref: 2016-054

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

Dear Mr Kempe

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

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 5<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**I noted the planning committee approved the application from the National Park to itself for a 26 place campsite at Loch Chon. I would be grateful if you could explain:**

**1. Why Forestry Commission Scotland did not apply for the planning permission as this is their land (and in respect of that answer I would be grateful if you could provide me with all information the LLNPA holds on FCS' involvement/lack of it in the development of this site (eg any correspondence about why they would not develop the site themselves)**

While Forestry Commission own the site they did not apply for planning permission as they do not intend to develop the site. You do not need to be in possession of a site in order to apply for, or be granted, planning permission for development. The Park Authority does not hold information about Forestry Commission Scotland's decision not to develop this site. Accordingly I have to advise under R10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

**2) Whether the LLNPA had entered into any commitment to purchase shipping containers for use as toilets and a base in the campsite prior to this application being approved by Members of the Committee. If so, could you provide me with all information you hold about such a commitment (including whether the LLNPA had entered a contract to purchase the containers or the date of purchase if purchased, the cost of the containers, including transport to the site, and who authorised this).**

The Park Authority purchased shipping containers, which were bought as semi-permanent, versatile structures that could be deployed to any suitable area in the National Park. The

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purchase was completed on public contracts Scotland and was agreed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. The cost of the units was £16,512.00 which includes transportation and off-loading charges, though the containers have not yet been delivered to the site.

**3) And, arising from (2) if the LLTNPA had purchased or committed to purchase the shipping containers, why this was not referred to in the Committee Report and whether any member of the planning committee could have been aware of this commitment or purchase prior to the decision being made.**

The purchased units were not mentioned in the committee report as this did not form any part of, and had no relevance to the planning application submitted. The units had been procured on the open market, available for anyone to view. If the planning application had been unsuccessful, the units would have been used elsewhere, subject to relevant permissions.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer  
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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 Authority 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

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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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