**Statement on the recent announcement regarding West Riverside in Balloch**

**26 September 2016**

Having received some inquiries regarding the planning status of the potential development announced recently at West Riverside in Balloch, we are taking the opportunity to clarify its planning status.

[Scottish Enterprise recently appointed Flamingo Land Limited](https://www.scottish-enterprise.presscentre.com/Press-releases/Plans-to-develop-Scotland-s-first-National-Park-could-see-new-30m-tourist-resort-83d.aspx) as the preferred developer of their 20 hectare site at West Riverside, Balloch, in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.

Scottish Enterprise kept the National Park Authority’s tourism team informed at each stage of the marketing of the site and the process of selection of their preferred developer.

No detailed proposals have currently been submitted to the National Park Authority.

The National Park Authority is the planning authority and will take a view on proposals for the site, when they are formally submitted as a planning application.

Prior to submitting a planning application, we understand the developer will draw up a ‘masterplan’ for the site and hold a local consultation – a requirement for any application of this scale.

The Park Authority assesses all developments against the current planning policies and has the power to refuse permission for any development that does not meet its aims. West Riverside is a site identified in our current local plan for tourism development.

Our recent [Balloch Charette](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/delivering-development/live-in-balloch/) consulted the local community extensively for views on development in Balloch, and provides a strong context in which to ensure appropriate proposals for the site.

For information on the planning process and how to comment on planning applications visit

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/planning/planning-applications>

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