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Ref: COMP 2017/008

16th January 2017

Dear Mr Kempe,

Out of Doors interview

I refer to your email sent to Linda McKay on 9th January 2017 about a statement in an interview of Gordon Watson, Chief Executive of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority. I am treating your email as a complaint under our formal complaints procedure and dealing with it accordingly. I have looked into your complaint and am now able to respond.

In your email you take issue with a particular word used by Gordon Watson in a recent interview recorded live for the BBC Radio Scotland Out of Doors programme and broadcast on Saturday 7th January. I have listened to the radio interview and, in particular to the section you have mentioned, and note that Gordon Watson was responding to a question about the possibility of the National Park Authority charging an entrance fee to the Park in the future as in the United States of America. I am of the opinion that, in his reply to that question, Mr Watson was seeking to clarify that the Park Authority would not be introducing the American model; he was not speaking in detail about levels of usage of the National Park. This was not therefore misleading in the way you suggest.

I therefore do not uphold your complaint against Gordon Watson and the words used by him in an interview.

Yours sincerely
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