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By email: [nickkempe1@gmail.com](mailto:nickkempe1@gmail.com)

Our Ref: SIR145635/A2292944

17 May 2017

Dear Mr Kempe

### **Information Request – Information Relating to Cairngorm Masterplan**

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 24 April. We have considered your request under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs').

### **Your Request**

Your request asked for information about the Cairngorm masterplan, specifically:

"I request all information SNH holds about what consultation there has been from HIE and Natural Retreats (any of the companies that come under that heading) about the masterplan and your response."

### **Our Response**

We carried out a thorough search of our records and found a number of documents that met the terms of your request. Please find this information attached with this letter.

You will notice that some information has been blanked out (redacted). The redacted information is personal data and its release under the EIRs would breach the Data Protection Act 1998. We are withholding this information under Regulation 11(2) of the EIRs.

### **How We Handled Your Request**

We believe you have asked for environmental information as defined in the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 ('the EIRs'), so we are dealing with your request under those regulations. To be able to use the EIRs, we must apply an exemption under section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ('FOISA'). The Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance recommends that public authorities apply this exemption to environmental information and handle requests under the EIRs.

If you would like to find out more about the access to information legislation there is a guidance booklet available on the Scottish Information Commissioner's website:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.aspx?IID=5487&SID=5024>.

### **Review and Appeal**

I hope this information meets your requirements but if you are dissatisfied with how we have responded to your information request, please write to us within 40 working days explaining your concerns. You can contact us at Battleby, Redgorton, Perth, PH1 3EW or email us at

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Tel 01738 444177 Fax 01738 458611 [www.snh.org.uk](http://www.snh.org.uk)

[foi@snh.gov.uk](mailto:foi@snh.gov.uk). Our Director of Policy and Advice, Andrew Bachell, or his nominated delegate, will carry out a review of our response and contact you with their findings within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

Online appeal service: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

Website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/>

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Yours sincerely

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