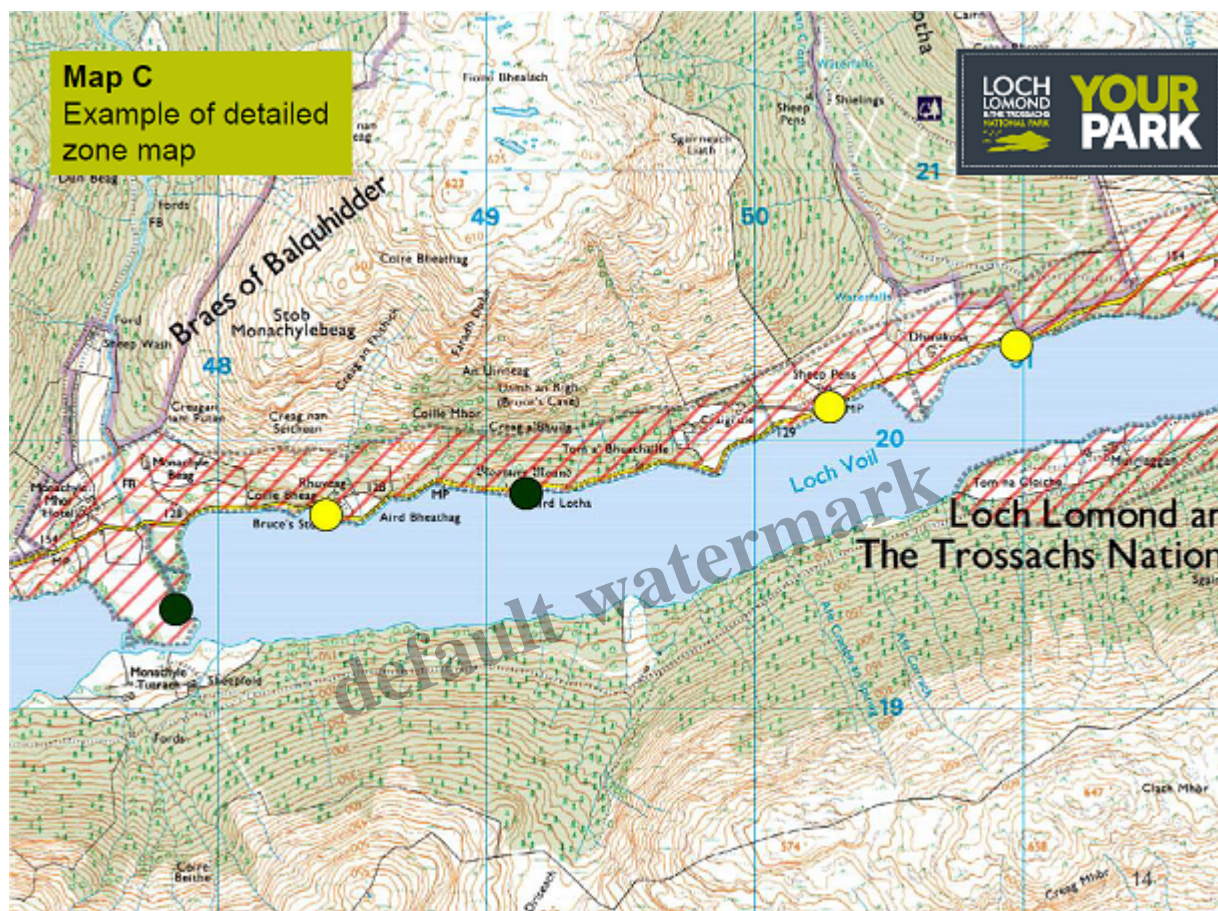


The latest evidence on the camping bye law conspiracy

Description



Slide presented at secret Board Meeting in September 2014. What do the dots mean? Surely somebody in the Park must know?

After the Information Commissioner forced the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to make public the slides that had been presented to the Board in the secret Board Briefing Sessions I asked follow up questions about three of those slides, including the one above. The answer was unsatisfactory [EIR 2016-062 Response](#), so I asked for a review of my request and yesterday received a response [EIR REVIEW 2016-062](#).

The answers tell us a lot about the secretive way the Park operates and the conspiracy to undermine access rights:

- The LLTNPA is simply refusing to tell me (or you the reader or the public) what the different coloured dots on the map of Loch Voil mean. The FOI Act only requires the public authorities to provide written information, not to explain this information – a weakness in the law demonstrated

by the slide above. So, the slide is supposed to provide to the Board a detailed example of what the Park staff were proposing for Loch Voil but the Park staff are now refusing to say what this was (was this campsites, toilets, carparks, signs?). The Park's Chief Executive Gordon Watson must know what this means, along I would think with a whole number of Board Members who were at the session, but rather than just be open, it appears the LLTNPA would prefer to keep this secret. What is there to hide?

- Much more significant politically is that the Park has now stated quite clearly it has NO information on how it has worked out the number of camping permits. So, the 300 number, which is the total number of camping places and permits the Park has agreed for the four management zone is totally made up. Its obviously not based on any evidence of camping impacts or carrying capacity of the land. It appears the number could have been 500 or 100 so why 300?. My best guess is the Park has decided this number which would sound ok to Scottish Ministers and is the least it could get away with. The public and Scottish Government need to realise there is no rationale for this, whether its the Park's decision to allow just four camping permits along the Invertrossachs shore on Loch Venachar (which just so happens to be where their current Convenor, Linda McKay lives and which was a popular place for camping) or not a single permit along the A82 north of Inveruglas.
- The response to the third question is interesting because although the Park has dropped any reference to peak weekends, it showed it never had an definition of what these were anyway. I think its further evidence to show the LLTNPA has tried to create a new terminology to describe camping and campervanning and persuade people into supporting its proposals that is based on a whim, not fact.

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