

Mr Nick Kempe nickkempe1@gmail.com EIR Ref: 2016/024

15th July 2016

Dear Mr Kempe

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer your request for information, received by email on 27th June 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). The information falling within the scope of the EIRs is considered to fall within paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the definition of environmental information. 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.

Meeting dates of the 5 Lochs Visitor Management Stakeholder Group since December 2014

- 29th April 2015
- 19th November 2015

The minutes of any meetings that have taken place since then

Minutes from the meeting on 29th April 2015 are attached.

Minutes from the meeting on 19th November 2015 have not been finalised. Accordingly I have to advise that this information is excepted under Regulation 10(4)(d) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The text of which is reproduced below;

(4) A Scottish public authority may refuse a request to make environmental information available to the extent that:-

(d) the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data

The Public Interest Test was carried out in relation to the information to be withheld under Regulation 10(4)(d) of the EIRs. In this case, we recognise that Regulation 10(2)(b) requires the Park Authority to apply a presumption favour of disclosure. We have considered the public interest in disclosure of the information and considered the effect of releasing the requested

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information in response to this enquiry and subsequently into the wider public domain. Requests for such information are considered by the Park Authority on a case by case basis. In this case, it was determined that the public interest would not be served by the release of the information at this time. We advise upon the completion of this information, any further request shall be accommodated as fully as possible.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

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 University 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 Manager:

Amanda Aikman Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority National Park Headquarters Carrochan Carrochan Road Balloch G83 8EG E-mail: info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

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 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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