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EIR Ref: 2016/017

25th May 2016

Dear Mr Kempe

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your email addressed to Mr Gordon Watson, received by the Park Authority on 28th April 2016. Your specific requests and the response from the Park Authority are provided below.

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). 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.

Have you taken a decision yet about the outstanding proposed campsites in the Five Lochs Management Plan as the Park said it would in FOI Review 2015/026 Response? The letter stated a decision will be made once the Minister has made a decision on the bye laws which is now three months ago. If you have taken a decision/s, please provide me with all written information pertaining to that decision/s held by the Park.

No decision has been taken about the outstanding proposed campsites in the Five Lochs Management Plan. In FOI Review Ref 2016/026, dated 2nd July 2015, we explained that “once a decision is received from Scottish Ministers - “consideration will be given as to which developments we will progress.” The Park Authority is currently working on camping proposals for all of the management zones in the National Park.

Accordingly, I have to advise you under Section 10(4)(a) of the Regulations, that the Park Authority holds no relevant information on this subject.

When I responded to your Development Plan consultation suggesting the Park should highlight the need for and facilitate new campsites at places such as Balmaha, basically my suggestions were rejected and there was no suggestion the Park might be able to facilitate any such thing.

All responses to the Park Authority’s Proposed Local Development Plan consultation were collated and the proposed Plan has been submitted for examination to Scottish Ministers. This submission included your request for the Plan to be modified and the Authority’s response. The decision, however, is for Scottish Minister’s appointed independent Reporters. It is incorrect to state that your suggestions were rejected – the delivery of new campsites is supported by the Plan’s policies should they be proposed. There is work underway, as highlighted above, to

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progress camping proposals and this was also referenced in the Park Authority's response to you.

A number of documents accompany the Proposed Local Development Plan, which expand on a number of topics and provide further explanation and guidance. This includes facilities for visitors, ranging from camping, glamping and caravan sites to bothies and recreational huts, which are highlighted in the Draft Visitor Experience Planning Guidance, available on our Live Park website at: www.ourlivepark.com.

I am afraid this is not the sort of thing that can be answered through FOI - perhaps we should have a further talk sometime?

Your request for a further meeting with the Park Authority CEO Mr Watson has been declined.

Yours sincerely

Information Officer
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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 Services Manager:

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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.

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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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