

Your Park monitoring and reporting framework

Report to Ministers

The following administrative conditions were attached to the approval of the byelaws;

Annual Update to Ministers. The Park to provide Ministers with an annual update on the implementation of the byelaws.

Formal Report to Ministers. Ministers should be provided with a formal report of a review of the operation of the byelaws no later than 3 years after implementation. The report should consider how effective the new camping management measures have been in reducing the instances of environmental damage and irresponsible behaviour as a direct result of implementation.

Monitoring Programme

The table below / overleaf shows the key questions addressed through the monitoring programme and the types of data being collected.

In addition to the key questions listed reporting from the camping booking system will be able to provide detail on the following;

- Number of permits issued in total and per area per time period
- Busiest dates and days
- Average length of stay by permit
- Occupancy rates for permit areas
- Home location of users

Currently monitored by the Your Park Monitoring Framework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed point photography provides a visual record of change to the vegetation over time at a number of popular loch shore sites. • Vegetation surveys to provide additional information for 6 of the FPP sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality sampling at 23 sites. • WEBS counts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranger field data • Number and locations of alleged infringements of the Environmental Protection Act section 33a and 87 • Number of litter complaints received relating to camping activity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfaction surveys - visitor • Satisfaction survey – users of permits and campsites on NPA booking system • Number of formal complaints received. • Camping booking system data • Byelaw contravention record
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from businesses. • Feedback from residents • Feedback from communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data already held on locations and capacities of camping opportunities, updated annually and will provide an annual record of all the available formal and semi-formal camping provision within the NP. • The annual NPA permit scheme will record the provision available through permits. • Byelaw exemptions record will capture landowner exemption/ authorisation applications to provide camping facilities or allow camping activity in Camping Management Zones. • Pre planning apps and planning apps for provision of camping facilities - identifying interest in providing more opportunities. • STEAM which is a UK wide measure of tourism product and data from this includes campsites and caravan sites in the NP area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure damage record –record of damage at NPA owned /managed sites.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Scotland data and annual Operations Ironworks report • Increased pressure outside zones in National Park
Information from communities about issues reported mailboxes and phone lines, general switchboard or directly to rangers in the field
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campsite condition • Number of times people search for information on the NP website for things to do when they are here.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of alleged byelaw contraventions and reports to fiscal • Social diversity of campers at permit areas