



Mr Nick Kempe
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EIR Ref: 2018/038

14th December 2018

Dear Mr Kempe

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 21st November 2018. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The Park Authority has an obligation to deal with your request under the EIRs and an option to also deal with your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), unless the public interest lies in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs. We consider that the public interest in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs outweighs the public interest in also dealing with your request under FOISA, on the basis that the public interest is not served by duplicating consideration of your request under both regimes. We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

"I was delighted to see too that campers are now being refunded where permits are unusable. This was something I raised over 18 months ago when I discovered many other permit areas, as advertised by the Park, were unusable at periods. So, I think it would be in the public interest to know how many refunds, apart from those mentioned in the attached, were requested from people who had made bookings of permits or campsites this year, which campsites or permit areas these were for and in which cases were such requests granted and their money repaid."

A total of 89 refunds were made during camping season 2018, including the 14 refunds for bookings on the nights of 18th and 19th September due to adverse weather conditions.

Booking locations and the reason for the refund are listed in Appendix A. Cases where a refund request was made but not granted have not been recorded. Accordingly we have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

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“It would also be in the public interest to know whether the LLTNPA now includes anything in its internal procedures about when refunds should be paid and if so to make this public too. Please provide this information under FOI if necessary.”

The cancellations and refunds protocol is included in Appendix A.

“I also understand that the LLTNPA is developing a revised management plan for Inchcailloch which you lease from SNH. I am unable to find any current management plan on your website at present so please provide that”

The Park Authority’s reserve plan for Inchcailloch, Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve 2009 – 2015 is attached in Appendix B.

“It would also be helpful if you could confirm that any new plan will be consulted on publicly and when this will happen. if you are not prepared to provide a simple response to that question I would ask for the Park to disclose all information you hold about future management plans for Inchcailloch.

The Park Authority intends to start work on a new reserve plan for Inchcailloch within the current financial year. The arrangements for any consultation process have not yet been determined.

“Lastly, at the last Board Meeting, the one paper discussed was the consultation on the new core paths plan. I have been unable to find any announcement about this and there is nothing on the consultation of the LLTNPA website – can you please confirm if a date has been set for the consultation to start?”

A public consultation on a new Core Paths Plan was launched by the Park Authority on 23rd November 2018. Details can be found on our website at:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/get-involved/consultations/core-paths-plan-review/>

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.

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- address your review request to:

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The review 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 Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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