

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

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Dear Sir,

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Draft Local Plan Consultation

Thank you for responding to the Draft Local Plan consultation. Your comments will be taken into consideration as we prepare a finalised draft of the Local Plan. We anticipate that this will be available in the Autumn and there will be an opportunity to comment on this document at this time.

I note that you have raised in your response a small number of questions about our consultation process which I would like to take the opportunity to address below.

The Park Authority published the draft local plan for consultation between 28th November 2008 and 28th February 2009. During this 3 month consultation period, we undertook an extensive programme of community engagement to raise awareness of the draft plan consultation which exceeded our statutory requirements. Our partner agencies were issued with copies of the draft plan and were invited to respond to the formal consultation process. This included a wide range of organisations with interests in natural and cultural heritage, infrastructure, economic development, tourism or general interest in the Park. Park staff also resourced a number of meetings and utilised existing networks to promote the plan's consultation. As mentioned in our correspondence to the ardentlinny.org website, staff met with SEPA and Scottish Water to discuss the plan's policies and proposals, and local authorities' departments (such as education, transport, building control, environmental health) were also contacted and invited to respond.

We have received a large number of responses to the draft plan consultation. Over the coming months we will be analysing these responses and preparing a Report on Consultation which will summarise the process undertaken and present all the responses received sorted by policy topic and/or proposal. Once completed, this Report will be available on our website for information. This will include responses from our partner agencies and organisations.

However, if you wish to view particular responses in the more immediate future, arrangements can be made for you to inspect these at our offices. Please get in touch with either myself or another member of the Forward Planning team if you require this information.

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I am attaching copies of my letter to the National Park and the response I have just received. Would you please let me have any comments in order to inform an appropriate response to the National Park.

With many thanks,

Keith