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Dear Sir,

### **Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Local Plan**

I am writing to you in response to comments which have been expressed by residents at the recent Ardentinnny Community Council meeting.

I note that the Park Authority received an email from the Working Group on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 stating that the publication of the draft local plan was now over due and that the Working Group had not yet been informed about a specific timetable for meeting with local communities in order to discuss further matters of concern with regard to proposals.

In August 2009 the Park Authority advised the wider community that in order to give sufficient time to address the issues raised by respondents to the draft plan consultation, we would be publishing our finalised draft plan for consultation in February 2010. This is shown in our updated Development Plan Scheme which outlines the process and timeframes for preparing the local plan and is available on our website. A copy of the Development Plan Scheme was emailed to Teresa Forsyth, a member of the Working Group in October. I also note that the community website ([www.Ardentinny.org](http://www.Ardentinny.org)) published an extract of our press release regarding the change in publication date at that time.

In regards to a specific timetable for meeting with local communities, the Forward Planning team have met with a limited number of respondents over the last few months. Aside from the above mentioned email, I have previously received two letters from the Working Group which I have responded to including any questions which have been raised. I note that this correspondence is also published on the community website.

As outlined in previous correspondence to you, I wish to assure you that the Park Authority is very aware of the Working Group's concerns and objection to the proposed housing allocation. These objections have been individually expressed both verbally at Local Plan Drop In Session which was held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Kilmun and through written responses to the draft plan consultation. I can confirm that cognisance has been given to this as part of preparing housing allocations contained within the finalised plan. The Park Authority is working hard to ensure that the proposals meet with the needs of those communities, while also delivering the Park's strategic aims.

As previously noted, the finalised draft plan will be published for consultation in February 2010. Anyone with an interest in the National Park will have an opportunity to comment on the policies and proposals contained within the finalised draft plan at this time. I am aware that there has

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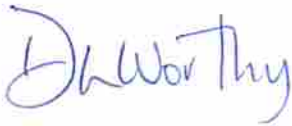
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been a suggestion in the community that the original proposal is to be deleted from the plan and that the number of houses on this proposed site has been reduced to 6 houses after consideration of objections. Please note that this suggestion is incorrect. The National Park Board will be endorsing the finalised draft plan for consultation on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and at this time will consider proposed amendments to the draft plan. Until the publication of the finalised draft local plan, the policies and proposals contained within the draft plan indicate the proposed approach of the Park Authority.

We will be notifying the wider community of the finalised draft plan consultation period, how to get copies of the plan and how to respond to the consultation closer to the time. As you are listed on our local plan contacts database, you will be receiving notification of this information directly. If you would like to be kept up to date with progress in developing the plan, please refer to the National Park's website ([www.lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org)) or alternatively contact the Forward Planning team at the National Park by calling 01389 722600.

Yours sincerely,



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