

# Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

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Dear Sir,

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

In reference to your letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009, I wish to assure you that the Park Authority is very aware of the Ardentinnny Proposed Housing Development Working Group's concerns and objection to the proposed housing allocation in Ardentinnny as identified in the draft local plan. I confirm that cognisance will be given to this as part of our analysis of responses to the draft plan.

To answer the questions stated in your letter, I would like to reiterate some of my comments previously stated in my letter to you dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Our partner agencies (including SEPA, Scottish Water and the four local authorities that cover the Park) were consulted alongside the wider community to comment on all of the draft plan's policies and proposals, including housing allocations. As it was a formal consultation, everyone had the same three month consultation period to formally respond. This consultation period far exceeds the minimum statutory consultation period of 6 weeks that is now prescribed in the 2006 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act. We will continue to work with our partner agencies in the coming months as we move forward in the plan process to finalise the plan in preparation further community consultation in autumn 2009.

We received around 470 responses to the consultation and we are currently inputting these into our consultation database. Consequently, at this time I am unable to inform you of the responses received from our partner agencies in reference to the proposed Ardentinnny housing site as you have requested. However, as stated in my previous letter we will be preparing a Report on Consultation which will summarise the process undertaken and present all the responses received sorted by policy topic and/or proposal and our analysis of these. It is anticipated this report will be made available in autumn 2009. I would also like to reiterate that 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.

In regards to your comment regarding receipt of response, we have now acknowledged all responses received.

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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)) and follow the links to Local Plan, or alternatively contact the Forward Planning team at the National Park by calling 01398 722600.

Yours sincerely,

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