

Received from Oban Access Panel on 29 August 2023

Good Morning,

Thank you for notifying the Access Panel that this planning application, which was refused on policy grounds, is now the subject of a Notice of Review.

The Panel is appreciative that the Case Officer took cognisance in her report of the potential difficulties of transport to the island, including boarding and disembarking from a small boat. We had recognised this issue, but, had concluded that, if a wheelchair user or other visitor with mobility difficulties was holidaying on the island, special arrangements would be made for transport.

We support the provisions of the Scottish Government's NPF4 Policy 30v that proposals for tourism related developments should take into account accessibility for disabled people. In addition, Quality 1 of the 6 "Qualities of Successful Places" in Annex D of the NPF4 advises that developments should be designed having regard to "accessibility and inclusion for everyone regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, ability and culture"

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