

HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

TUESDAY, 10 JUNE 2014

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority (NPA) – Report

Local Development Plan – As you may have heard, the Main Issues Report (MIR) is currently out for consultation till 7th July. This is the first of two formal consultations in the process to prepare a new Local Development Plan (LDP) which, once adopted, will replace the existing Local Plan. The consultation on the MIR is known as 'LIVE Park'.

The Main Issues Report is a discussion-based document that outlines where the NPA thinks the existing Local Plan may need changed, focusing on key topics or locations, as a basis for consultation with communities and other partners. It is the principal opportunity for the NPA to consult on the proposed content of the Plan and involve the wider public.

To make it as easy as possible for you to get involved the Park Authority have set up several lines of communication as follows:

- www.ourlivepark.com
- twitter.com/ourlivepark
- facebook.com/ourlivepark
- instagram.com/ourlivepark
- text us on 07860 017 153
- email: hello@ourlivepark.com

National Park Elections – the process is currently underway to appoint locally-elected Board Members for the National Park. Every household should have received details of the election. If more than one person is nominated then an election will be held via postal ballot with election papers posted out around the 12th June and returned by 4pm on Thursday 3rd July.

Built Heritage Repair Grant –The 2014/15 scheme is now open for the repair and restoration of our traditional buildings. The grant scheme focuses on properties located along the main routes (including the West Highland Way and National Cycle Route 7) through the National Park and its settlements. For information on who can apply, what the grant will cover and how to apply please visit the website: <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/looking-after/built-heritage-repair-grant/menu-id-963.html>.

Visitor Management - The NPA wants to be able to offer a high quality, authentic experience for visitors that compares to the best on offer around the world. In order to support this, we have a project currently underway to assess the visitor management challenges and opportunities across the National Park area. At present, visitor pressure and behaviour in a number of areas across the National Park is damaging the environment and this pressure needs to be addressed in order to gain the right balance between recreation and environmental degradation. We are currently in a listening phase, during which we are happy to hear from all interested parties. If you would like to input in any concerns about visitor pressures, or highlight any opportunities that you think may exist from addressing the issues, please contact Charlotte Wallace, Visitor Policy and Engagement Manager at the National Park on 01389722109 or via email to charlotte.wallace@lochlomond-trossachs.org.