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Dear Sir/Madam

**Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003**  
**Code of Practice for Local Inquiries into Core Paths Plans and Other Inquiries**  
**Under Part One of the Act**  
**Core Paths Plan for Loch Lomond And The Trossachs National Park Authority**  
**Objection number(s): 40**

The Scottish Ministers have been notified by Loch Lomond And The Trossachs National Park Authority under the above Code of Practice that objections have been made to the Core Paths Plan for Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park area and have not been withdrawn, and under section 18 of the Act have determined that an inquiry should be held. They have appointed Mr Stephen Hall BA(Hons) BPI MRTPI to hold the inquiry and to report to them.

The plan and all the information the access authority has submitted to us can be view on our case file at:

<http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=120809>

The Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority, as access authority, has provided the following response on the matters you have raised:

<http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/Document.aspx?id=652714>

The reporter has examined the papers including your objection and has determined that this objection shall be dealt with by written submissions.

If you consider that another procedure would be more appropriate for your objection you should write immediately to me at the above e-mail address, and at the latest within 2 weeks of the date of this letter, setting out your reasons. This will be considered by the reporter and I will notify you of the outcome.

A copy of the Code of Practice on Local Inquiries into Core Path Plans can be viewed using the link below should you wish to refer to our procedures in this case:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/160308/0043627.pdf>

A copy of your objection has been read by the reporter, and the access authority has provided a statement of its reasons for being unable to resolve your objection and its comments on the objection – see link above. If you wish to comment on the access authority's statement you should do so by e-mail to me within 4 weeks of the date of this letter. This written submission should not repeat the terms of the objection, which are already in the possession of the reporter. It should generally be restricted to a concise response to the written statement from the access authority, explaining why in your view the objection should be accepted or suitably resolved. Your submission should quote the reference at the head of this letter and give the objection number.

Please note that the reporter has no familiarity with the paths in the area aside from the information already on the file. If you wish to identify your property relevant to the path or draw the reporter's attention to any particular feature this should be clearly identified on a legible plan to accompany your written response. This mapping should include sufficient detail for the reporter to easily locate the referenced property or feature on his site visit. The access authority has included maps of the relevant core paths and these can be accessed and downloaded from our case file.

If we have not heard from you within the 4 week period, we will assume you have no further comments to make. In these circumstances, your original objection will still be considered by the reporter. At the end of that 4 weeks and following any site visits, the reporter will proceed to prepare his report to Ministers. If you expect to have difficulty complying with the 4 week time limit, please notify me at the earliest opportunity, explaining why this is the case.

There will not normally be any further exchange of submissions, but if the reporter seeks the views of any other person or body in relation to this objection you will be given an opportunity to comment on those views.

The reporter may visit the site of the objection before making the report to the Scottish Ministers. If the reporter considers it necessary to be accompanied on that visit you will be notified of the arrangements.

All parties to the inquiry are expected to meet their own expenses, but if you feel that the unreasonable behaviour of the access authority or of another party to the inquiry has caused you unnecessary expense you may apply to the reporter, who will report the matter to the Scottish Ministers for their decision. Such an application should be made separately from, but at the same time as your written submission to the inquiry. Circular 6/1990, which applies to planning appeal proceedings, gives advice on the circumstances in which expenses may be awarded, and you may wish to read this Circular before making any application. This Circular can be found on the Scottish Government website, however if you would prefer to request a copy, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

We collect information if you take part in the planning process, use DPEA websites, send correspondence to DPEA or attend a webcast. To find out more about what information is collected, how the information is used and managed please read the

[DPEA's privacy notice - https://beta.gov.scot/publications/planning-and-environmental-appeals-division-privacy-notice/](https://beta.gov.scot/publications/planning-and-environmental-appeals-division-privacy-notice/)

I trust this information is clear. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or a paper copy of any of the above documentation.