



Application Summary

Address: Car Park At Tourist Information Centre Tarbet Arrochar
Argyll And Bute G83 7DE

Proposal: Installation of 3 no. pole mounted camera (For
automatic number plate recognition (ANPR)), pole
barriers and 2no. pay and display machines

Case Officer: Amy Unitt

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Customer Details

Name: Mr James Fraser

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Comments Details

**Commenter
Type:** Organisation/body

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

**Reasons for
comment:**

Comments: On behalf of the Friends of Loch Lomond and the
Trossachs, the independent conservation charity for the
National Park, I am writing to confirm our objection to
the installation of 11x3m high poles and signs and 3x 5
m high cameras and poles at this sensitive scenic
viewpoint.

We support the concerns expressed by the local
Community Council that the cluster of high signs and
poles will be a visual blight and detract from the high
amenity value of this scenic viewpoint.

The signing clutter proposed is very urban in style and
scale and no attempt appears to have been made to
reduce the height to take account of the sensitive setting
of this popular visitor site and scenic viewpoint.

The justification for introducing the signs and car parking
regime in the supporting design and access statement
fails to provide any evidence of the need to 'reduce car
park abuse and ensure that spaces are available for
genuine site users'.

Unless exemptions are introduced for short stay site
users such as parents and grandparents dropping
off/picking up schoolchildren this could displace cars to
road verges and cause safety hazards.

The application does not make it clear if there will be any
charging exemptions for the large number of coaches
that use the site to access passenger boats and if there



are charges this could result in undermining the viability of the existing cruise operations and discourage the use of sustainable transport with the potential displacement of coaches elsewhere.

There a high number of visitors in transit using this site and the combination of charging for the car park and separately for the toilets could deter visitors from making repeat stops here and contribute to visitor management problems elsewhere. The proposals appear to have been developed in the absence of a wider visitor management plan.

We would request that the applicant reconsiders the proposals taking account of the above concerns.