



Application Summary

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

Proposal: Installation of 11no. pole mounted signs

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.