

## **Application Summary**

Address: Land North Of Lamont Lodges Rashfield Dunoon PA23

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Change of use of land to a motorhome/camping site,

**Proposal:** erection of an amenity building and the formation of a

new access

Case Officer: Vivien Emery

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## **Customer Details**

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## **Comments Details**

Commenter

Type: Organisation/body

Stance: Customer made comments in support of 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 support for this motorhome and campsite proposal as it will address a

shortage in provision of this type of tourist

accommodation in the Cowal part of the National Park.

There are a significant number of holiday parks in Cowal which typically comprise of concentrations of static caravans and chalets and exclude provision for campervans and tents so this development not far from the southern end of Loch Eck and next to the main Cowal spinal road is very welcome.

While the site is not zoned for this type of use the provision of facilities of this nature are identified as desirable in the National Park Partnership Plan and the proposal is a 'good fit' with Visitor Experience policies.

There has been substantial growth in campervan ownership and campervan holiday hire fleets over the past 5 years and the COVID 19 restrictions have led to further growth over the past year as campervan holidays are considered to be a safe option.

The wider National Park area has struggled to cope with the growth in demand in campervanners seeking overnight stops and the provision of additional campervan overnight stops and supporting infrastructure has been identified as a priority at national and local



levels.

There is also a shortage of overnight camping facilities and opportunities to camp overnight with a shrinkage in the number of pitches available on private sector and Forestry & Land Scotland sites which the camping byelaws have not adequately compensated for so this proposal is very welcome at this time.

The site plans have been carefully designed to minimise the loss of trees and to make the most of the attractive woodland setting. The provision of 18 campervan stances, a small camping area and an amenity building all have our support.

We commend this proposal.