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Dear Sirs

EAST LOCH LOMOND CAMPING BYELAWS CONSULTATION.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your byelaw proposals for East Loch Lomond. Clearly, a serious problem has developed and has been in existence for some considerable time.

Consultation Questions

1. Do you think that camping byelaws are appropriate for East Loch Lomond?

Yes. Having seen the damage that has been done at first hand and the adverse impact on the enjoyment for residents and legitimate visitors, we support the case for byelaws.

2. Are you content with the areas proposed for the camping byelaws?

Yes. Clearly the impact on adjoining areas will need to be monitored but we support the proposed area as a good starting point.

3. Are you content with the wording of the proposed camping byelaws?

Yes.

4. Do you have any other comments on the proposed camping byelaws?

The key to success will lie in adequate and consistent enforcement of the byelaws. Exemption 8 will also need to be thought through very carefully in terms of what is considered to be 'furthering the aims of the Park'.

It is likely that in due course, it will be necessary to apply such byelaws to other parts of the Park. We recognize that you cannot do everything at once and accept that East Loch Lomond is probably the highest priority area. We are aware, however, from comments of members and contacts, that similar problems exist elsewhere in the Park, for example, on the side of Loch Earn. We hope you will move to bringing better order to such areas as soon as possible.

In conclusion, we commend you for the detailed and careful assessment of the problem on East Loch Lomondside and support your efforts to address the problem in a positive way.

Yours sincerely

Robert Maund
Chairman.