



4thth January, 2012

Planning Department,
Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority,
Carrochan,
Carrochan Road, Balloch.
G83 8EG

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application Number: 2012/0383/DET

Location: Moss O' Balloch Recreation Ground, Balloch

Proposal: Creation of children's play space and landscape improvements

We are writing to confirm our strong support for this planning application for consent to enhance children's play facilities at Moss O'Balloch and associated landscaping improvements on the approaches to Balloch Country Park.

Our Board of Trustees had the benefit of receiving a presentation on the proposals at our meeting last month and were impressed with the detailed thought and consideration which has gone into this scheme by the Environment Trust in consultation with the local community.

We particularly welcome the siting of the play area in a prominent location near Balloch Road. In addition to being an excellent location on safety grounds, the prominent siting should add some much needed extra vitality and appeal to this part of the village. The play facility design is also imaginative and the nature theme adopted ties in well with Balloch's status as a gateway to both the National Park and the nearby Balloch Castle Country Park.

It has long been recognised that more needs to be done to strengthen the centre of the village as a tourist destination as well as a valuable recreation area for local residents to try and act as a counterbalance to Loch Lomond Shores. This scheme, which is associated with related ambitions for Moss O' Balloch to become an events hub, is a welcome step in the right direction and will have a number of positive economic, environmental and social benefits for the village.

Due to the nature of the project, its strategic location at the south end of the loch and overall 'good fit' with our aims and objectives we have decided to help with funding to add some toddler nature play strands to the planned children's play facilities. This will now be one of the flagship projects we raise funds for in 2013.

Yours faithfully,
James Fraser
James Fraser
Chairman