



## Application Summary

**Address:** Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin Stirling FK21 8TN

**Proposal:** Change of use of chalet staff accommodation to one holiday accommodation unit; the siting of 2 no. 'pod' units for holiday accommodation, relocation of hotel entrance and erection of boundary fence

**Case Officer:** Craig Jardine

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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 holiday accommodation application and the associated relocation of the hotel entrance.

The Bridge of Lochay Hotel has been run very successfully by the present owners for over 10 years but as a result of the impact of the COVID 19, like many hoteliers they urgently need to diversify to survive. Due to the attractiveness of the site on the edge of the village overlooking the river this is an ideal location for two self contained glamping pods alongside a converted self catering holiday bungalow. The relocation of the entrance and associated landscaping is welcome too and should help improve the visual approaches to the hotel. Our main grounds of support are as follows:

- there is a shortage of self catering accommodation in the Killin area and the demand for this type of accommodation has grown significantly with the easing of the COVID 19 movement restrictions;
- this is an attractive and secluded location on the edge of

the village for self catering tourist accommodation and the plans have been carefully thought through to minimise visual impacts;

- the change of use of the redundant bungalow at the rear of the hotel, along with the installation of two glamping pods, will make a positive contribution to ensuring the economic survival and longer term sustainability of the business at what is a very challenging time;
- the proposed change in the hotel entrance and associated landscaping should improve road safety and the overall visual approach to what is an attractive and historic coaching hotel at an important entry point to the village;
- the proposed development is fairly small scale and is appropriate in this setting;
- the proposed glamping pods will help address a known demand for this type of accommodation.

We commend this proposal.