



Application Summary

Address: Land Adjacent To Ross Priory Gartocharn West
Dunbartonshire G83 8NL

Proposal: Erection of training centre (use Class 8) comprising leadership centre and 4 no. visitor accommodation buildings with associated parking and landscaping

Case Officer: Caroline Strugnell

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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 the proposed high quality Hunter Global Leadership Centre development in the grounds of Ross Priory. All trustees of the Friends had the benefit of a full presentation and an extensive Q&A on the scheme with the developer and their architects earlier in the year and they were unanimous in their support for this world class facility. They were impressed with the efforts made by the developer to come forward with a design that adheres to strong sustainability principles and has a low visual impact on Loch Lomond. The proposed design successfully respects the special historic landscape setting of Ross Priory at the southern end of Loch Lomond. The development will result in upgrading a run down area on the Ross Priory Estate and secure a number of improvements to the Ross Priory Boat Club facilities and the associated buildings. We are also pleased that the developer will contribute a six figure sum to support improvements to the fabric of historic Ross Priory.

We delayed the submission of our response as we were keen to ensure the developer reviewed the plans for sewage disposal as we shared the concerns of the angling and environmental bodies about the potential impact of effluent disposal on the Endrick Water Special Area of Conservation which is home to many nationally and internationally important fish species. We were pleased to receive confirmation recently that the developer has agreed to invest an additional £700,000 in connecting the development to the main sewage system which successfully addresses these concerns.

The Leadership Centre and visitor accommodation buildings will greatly strengthen the range of facilities available at Ross Priory and are in accordance with many of the policies in the National Park Development Plan. We commend the plans.