



Application Summary

Address: Recycling Centre Stirling Road Gartocharn West
Dunbartonshire G83 8SB

Proposal: Change of use from vehicle breakers yard (sui generis)
to campsite and motorcaravan hire centre (sui
generis), erection of toilet block and associated
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 and heritage
charity covering the National Park, I am writing to
confirm our support for this application which involves
the change of use from a vehicle breakers yard to
campsite and motorcaravan hire centre with supporting
facilities.

This application is welcome as it comes at a time when
there has been a massive growth in the popularity of
campervan holidays in Scotland with a shortage of
overnight stay and support facilities in the National Park.
Independent research confirms that ownership of
campervans in the UK is growing by at least 15% per
annum and there has also been a significant increase in
campervans available for hire to meet demand. Sadly,
the infrastructure for campervans on the ground-namely
suitable parking, electric hook ups, effluent disposal
points and shower and toilet facilities-is inadequate
within the National Park.

We support this application for the following reasons:

- the proposed change of use would support many of the priorities and policies in the current Park Partnership and Local Development Plans which are generally supportive of provision of tourist facilities;
- the site is well located at the south end of Loch Lomond beside a busy tourist route and with good access to serve various markets;
- the development would provide additional much need campervan support facilities including overnight stances, hook ups and toilets/showers as well as campervan hire services;
- conversion from a breakers yard to a tourist orientated facility is considered to be a good use for the site which is in a sensitive area.
- the site is already well screened and well kept but the additional landscaping should further enhance the site and make it more suitable for visitors;

In conclusion , we welcome the change of use of the site to a facility geared to meeting the needs of campervanners in the National Park.