



## Application Summary

**Address:** The Lodge Lochgoilhead Cairndow PA24 8AE  
**Proposal:** Installation of entrance gates, associated stone walling and pillars  
**Case Officer:** Vivien Emery

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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 for the National Park, I am writing to confirm our support for this proposed much improved entrance to the Lodge at Loch Goil and the existing associated cottages which are also being upgraded as part of this high quality and secluded hideaway resort.

We are delighted that Iain Hopkins has recently purchased the original lands incorporating York Cottage that formed part of the former Lodge on Loch Goil Estate. We are pleased the previously broken up land holdings are now being consolidated into one ownership and one management regime. Upgrading what used to be an impressive entrance will greatly enhance the sense of arrival at the hideaway resort and this, coupled with the upgrade of York and Glennie Cottages, should help secure the future sustainability of the high quality Lodge on Loch Goil which is a great tourism asset for Cowal and the wider National Park area.

The relocated and replacement gate, walling and pillars are all of a high quality and are entirely appropriate in

this setting. They should also help traffic flow, overall traffic management and road safety.

What is not brought out in the application supporting documentation is that this grand entrance has been used regularly in recent years as the main access to York and Glennie Cottages by former residents and visitors . The access therefore is not new and all the applicant is seeking to do is to improve the overall sense of arrival at a location which has become run down and rather neglected close to, and visible from, the main road.

I note that the application was validated back early September and we are now at mid-November. Given these are fairly minor works I would hope consent is granted fairly quickly. I understand there is a time limit on LEADER grant offer for entrance improvement and a package of improvements to cottages.