

## Customer Details

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## Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Member of Public  
**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 conservation and heritage charity I am writing to confirm our strong support for the construction of new and upgrading of the existing path network to open up access more effectively from the village of Luss with the former Luss Slate Quarries.

Given the popularity of Luss as a visitor destination with an estimated 750,000 a year we consider it is important to further strengthen and improve the network of paths radiating out from the village to enhance the overall visitor experience and to extend the length of stay of visitors.

This proposal is very welcome as it will help open up what is currently a 'hidden path' and it also provides a useful opportunity to introduce visitors to the rich history of the former Luss Slate Quarries.

The proposals to provide some interpretation boards to showcase the rich cultural and natural heritage stories relating to the quarries and the area the path will pass through are also very welcome.

We will be working very closely with Luss Estates to implement this path project and to ensure the new and upgraded path network is well maintained.

We understand the National Park has been reluctant to enter into any path maintenance agreement with Luss estates and we have therefore stepped into take on this role to ensure the substantial sum of public funding approved for this scheme is not lost.

We are very conscious the offer of funding is time limited and would therefore hope it will be possible to determine this application very quickly now.

Finally, it is important to set these proposed path works into a wider strategic context. There are ambitious plans currently being developed by SPEN in close collaboration with the Friends, Luss Estates and the NPA to develop a more extensive family friendly network of paths linking Helensburgh, Glen Fruin, Luss, Glen Luss and Arrochar as part of the VIEW project.

James Fraser  
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