

Customer Details

Name: Mr James Fraser
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Balloch

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 this development as it will make a major contribution to improving the appearance of this site as well as helping to greatly improve the operation of the longest established passenger cruising business on Loch Lomondside.

We understand the plans are very similar to the previous plans approved which previously lapsed due to protracted legal negotiations with Scottish Enterprise who own part of the land. We are pleased this has now been resolved as have the plans to relocate the existing boathouse.

The proposed buildings are of a high quality and will enhance the townscape in this particular area of Balloch. They will also make a positive contribution to the wider public realm plans which have recently emerged from an extensive public consultation exercise jointly undertaken by the NPA and West Dunbartonshire Council.

The demolition of the existing office and toilets building which is to be replaced by a building at a higher level will help to ensure the cruise operator avoids the problems which have been caused by flooding on a regular basis and means it should be possible to offer year round cruises without the same scale of interruptions due to flooding.

The introduction of a workshop building is also welcome as this will enable essential maintenance works to be undertaken under cover throughout the winter months.

Sweeneys Cruises is a long established 4th generation business in the heart of Balloch and they are major employers. This development will greatly enhance their operation and help to sustain a significant number of jobs on a year round basis.

James Fraser
Chairman