

13 September 2024

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the Act”)

Thank you for your request for information which was received by VisitScotland on Saturday 17 August 2024:

“We have been informed that you were heavily involved in helping Fife Coast and Countryside Trust with their network of overnight car parks Overnight Parking - Fife Coast & Countryside Trust (fifecoastandcountryside.co.uk)

We are asking for all correspondence between yourselves and the Scottish Fire and Rescue service in this matter

We are also asking for copies of the fire risk assessments for all these sites

We are also asking why spacing of 3m were adopted when the Scottish Government has stated 6m in this document <https://www.gov.scot/publications/practical-fire-safety-guidance-existing-premises-sleeping-accommodation-2/>”

VisitScotland’s response

We have broken your request into three parts and provided a response for each element:-

- 1) Correspondence between VisitScotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in relation to the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

VisitScotland does not hold any correspondence between ourselves and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in relation to the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust.

- 2) Copies of fire risk assessments for Fife Coast and Countryside Trust’s overnight car parks.

VisitScotland does not hold copies of fire risk assessments for Fife Coast and Countryside Trust’s overnight car parks.

- 3) Information on why spacing of 3 metres was adopted.

VisitScotland does not hold information on this matter.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, VisitScotland does not hold information in relation to this matter. By way of advice and assistance, we can advise that the application for funding in relation to the Fife Outdoor Tourism Infrastructure Programme was made by Fife Council, and not by the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust. Accordingly, you may wish to redirect your request to Fife Council it as they may hold the information you have requested.

Your right to request a review

If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording) to:

Mr Malcolm Roughead
Chief Executive
VisitScotland
Waverley Court
4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG

Telephone: 0131 472 2201

E-mail: malcolm.roughead@visitscotland.com

The request for a review should be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.