



PARTICIPATION REQUEST - Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

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Relevant Public Service Authority:

Scottish Enterprise (landowner, holding exclusivity agreement)

1. Outcome Improvement Process

We request to participate in the decision making process and outcome improvement activities relating to the proposed Flamingo Land development in Balloch, on land owned in part by Scottish Enterprise and located within Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

We specifically seek participation under two potential outcomes of the Ministerial decision:

Option 1 – If the Flamingo Land development is rejected by Ministers:

- Inclusion in discussions on the future use of the land currently subject to an exclusivity agreement
- Consideration of alternative community led proposals for sustainable development
- Participation in processes concerning the Tourist Information Office site (LLSCDT Asset Transfer Request)

Option 2 – If the Flamingo Land development is approved by Ministers:

- Inclusion in deliberations on planning conditions, mitigation measures, and community benefits
- Representation in forums on land use, tourism development, and community planning
- Engagement in monitoring and evaluation processes to safeguard sustainability

2. Community Outcomes We Seek to Improve

- Inclusive and transparent decision making
- Environmental stewardship and protection of Loch Lomond
- Sustainable economic development that benefits local residents and businesses
- Community empowerment and local representation



3. How Our Participation Will Contribute

- Strengthen legitimacy, transparency, and accountability
- Represent a broad cross section of the local community
- Provide evidence and insight into alternative proposals
- Help identify mitigations, enhancements, or alternatives

4. Community Groups Involved

- Balloch and Haldane Community Council (BHCC)
- Loch Lomond South Community Development Trust (LLSCDT)

5. Supporting Information

- The Flamingo Land proposal has been under discussion for almost a decade, with limited formal consultation
- Scottish Ministers now hold decision making powers, with Scottish Enterprise a key landowner
- LLSCDT has submitted an Asset Transfer Request for part of the land in question

6. Statement of Request

We formally request participation under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to ensure our community is directly involved in decision making processes relating to the Flamingo Land development or the future use of land at Balloch, whether the development is rejected or approved by Ministers.