

Annex A
17 October 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 12:46 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: New National Parks - Introductory Meeting - Largo Bay

Thanks so much for the meeting today, yes, we are keen to go ahead with nominating ourselves to register Largo Bay as a National Marine Park and if you are sharing that can give you all the details of our group and subgroups - partners etc.

Speak soon !

[redacted – personal information]

Community Development Officer

Largo Communities Together

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12 October 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2023 12:38 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Subject: New National Park(s) - Launch of Nominations Phase 12 October 2023

Dear [redacted – personal information]

We are delighted to inform you that today the new National Park(s) Nominations Phase has officially launched.

Please find attached a detailed letter with links to the published nomination form, guidance and appraisal framework.

We look forward to receiving your nomination in due course.

Kind regards

[redacted – personal information]

Scottish Government | Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Policy Officer | New National Park(s)

Biodiversity Unit | Nature Division

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Environment and Forestry Directorate
Nature Division



Email: NationalParks@gov.scot

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12 October 2023

Dear [redacted – personal information]

New National Park(s) in Scotland – nomination process begins

It was a pleasure to meet you recently regarding your interest in nominating your area to become a new National Park.

We are delighted to inform you that the National Park nomination process has opened today, 12 October 2023. Nominations must be drafted, finalised and submitted to us no later than 29 February 2024 using the standard nomination form that we have published (see below). A timetable for the nomination and appraisal process was provided in our previous letter and is annexed to this letter for ease of reference.

We have today published the following documents:

- [Guidance](#) for communities and organisations that wish to submit a nomination
- Appraisal framework (this is included in the guidance document and is available using the link above)
- [Standard nomination form](#)
- A [news release](#) confirming the nomination launch

These documents are also available on the Scottish Government [website](#).

Appraisal framework guidance

Earlier this year we published a draft appraisal framework with broad selection criteria for consultation. The [appraisal framework consultation analysis](#) has assisted us in the development of the final appraisal framework that has been published today. This framework sets out the broad criteria against which nominations will be appraised. It also includes some of the relevant types of evidence and indicators that groups may wish to include as part of their nomination. Nominations will be appraised on the merits of the overall proposal and they should aim to demonstrate – with evidence – how they meet each of the criteria.

The broad criteria are:

- outstanding national importance
- size, character and coherence
- meeting the special needs of the area
- strategic contribution
- visitor management and tourism
- local support

Separately, compatibility with the application of regulatory frameworks surrounding existing and planned projects and activities for the area will be considered as part of the appraisal process.

As set out in the guidance, all areas of Scotland are eligible to submit nominations to become a new National Park (including those that have current or potential onshore wind developments). To ensure any National Park addresses the climate emergency and supports progressive development, Scottish Government will develop new bespoke planning policy on onshore wind to be applied in new National Parks. This means that a new National Park will be treated differently to existing National Parks with respect to NPF4 policy for onshore wind.

Support to nominating groups

We are in the process of procuring the services of an impartial, third party organisation that can provide support to communities and organisations looking to explore or take forward a proposal. We will be in touch shortly when further details of this support offer are confirmed. In the meantime, we would encourage you to start considering any support services that you may require.

We are also planning to organise an online technical workshop for groups that are in the process of developing nominations. The aims of this workshop would be to examine what National Park designation means in practice for an area and to share perspectives from the Park authority and stakeholders within the two existing National Parks. Please let us know if there are any particular questions or themes that you would find it helpful for the workshop to address.

Proposals to amend the National Parks legislation

Separately, as you may already be aware, we are proposing to make some changes to the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 in order to strengthen the leadership role of National Parks in tackling the interlinked crises of climate and biodiversity.

We have published a [consultation on the strategic framework for biodiversity and national parks legislation](#). We are inviting responses to this consultation by 14

December 2023 using the Scottish Government's consultation hub [Citizens Space](#).

We have also prepared [a Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) report](#) relating to the proposal to designate at least one new National Park and the proposed changes to the National Parks legislation. We are consulting on this SEA from 21 September to 14 December 2023 alongside the consultation on the biodiversity framework and National Parks proposals.

We would be happy to discuss any aspects of the nominations process and the proposed legislative changes with you in more detail if that would be helpful. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

[redacted – personal information], [redacted – personal information] and [redacted – personal information]

New National Parks Team
The Scottish Government
Victoria Quay
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NationalParks@gov.scot

Annex A - Timeline

Process Stage	Description	Date
Launch of nominations process	The nominations process for new National Parks formally opens. The appraisal framework (with selection criteria), standard nomination form and guidance for nominating groups are published on the Scottish Government website. Scottish Government will also confirm the support that will be available to nominating groups.	October 2023

Support to nominating groups	Deadline for nominating groups to request support services (e.g. to help facilitate community engagement on the development of new National Park nominations).	October 2023
Nomination phase	The period during which individuals, groups and organisations will develop and submit their proposals. Nominating groups should use the standard nomination form and demonstrate how their nomination meets the criteria set out in the appraisal framework. Nominations should demonstrate evidence of engagement with stakeholders and affected communities.	October 2023 – February 2024
Deadline for nominations	Deadline for the submission of nominations to be received by Scottish Government.	29 February 2024
Appraisal of nominations	All nominations will be appraised based on the criteria set out in the appraisal framework. The Scottish Government may request additional information from nominees. Appraisal report will be prepared for Ministers.	Spring 2024
Confirmation of nomination(s) to be progressed as 'National Park proposal(s)'	Scottish Government to announce the nomination(s) to be taken forward as proposals for designation as a National Park, subject to relevant legal conditions being met, including the compatibility with other regulatory frameworks in place or planned for the area. The statutory reporter investigation will then commence. Scottish Ministers will then decide and announce the area or areas to be designated as new National Park(s) subject to parliamentary approval.	Summer 2024 onwards

9 October 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>

Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:36 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: New National Parks

Fantastic, thank you.

[redacted – personal information]

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Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 12:12 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: New National Parks

Hi [redacted – personal information],

Thank you for confirming and apologies again for the IT issues and not receiving your previous email. This has been raised with IT but best to cc me into any emails for now to be sure.

At this stage, we are not asking anything of the nominating groups. Once the nominations phase commences, we expect groups will review the framework, the guidance etc and if you have any questions, we can look to address those at that point.

Best,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information] | Project Lead – New National Park(s) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government

6 October 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 5:06 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: New National Parks

Hello, yes that is great. We would be more than happy to be mentioned. I did send an email about that but maybe it didn't get through ? Yes, and do you need anything further from me at this stage. We know it will be stiff competition potentially but would love to start the journey for Largo Bay and the community who love it !

[redacted – personal information]

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From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>

Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 4:39 PM

To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>

Cc: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; National Parks
<NationalParks@gov.scot>

Subject: New National Parks

Hi [redacted – personal information],

Thanks again for your time at the introductory call last week.

We wanted to follow up as we finalise arrangements for the launch of the nominations phase which we will be launching shortly. We are expecting quite a bit of press attention and wanted to check your position in terms of us mentioning the Largo Bay interest publicly and whether including the Largo Bay interest is something you would be comfortable with us including at this stage. If so, if we receive press queries through our comms team, is there a dedicated contact or email address we can pass on to any interested media?

To be clear, this wouldn't commit you to submitting a nomination and nor would saying no at this stage prevent you from the nomination process in any way,

however wanted to check following our call as I appreciate this was something you were still considering.

If you have any questions, please do let us know.

Best,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information] | [Project Lead – New National Park\(s\) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government](#)

27 September 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 5:38 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>
Cc: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: New National Parks - Introductory Meeting - Largo Bay

Thanks [redacted – personal information],

I've sent an updated invitation and look forward to meeting you then.

Best,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information] | [Project Lead – New National Park\(s\) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government](#)

[Mob \(personal\):](#) [redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:30 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: New National Parks - Introductory Meeting - Largo Bay

Are we able to schedule earlier in the day?

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** National Parks
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:03 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>
Cc: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: New National Parks

Hi [redacted – personal information],

Thanks for confirming availability. I have sent an invitation over proposing 3.30-4.00pm, if this would be suitable. However, if this time does not work, we have some

flexibility, so just let me know any alternative times that would suit better and I can reschedule.

If there are others involved in the nomination you feel it would be useful to also attend, please let me know and I can add them to the invitation.

Best,
[redacted – personal information]

[redacted – personal information] | [Project Lead – New National Park\(s\) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government](#)

Mob (personal): [redacted – personal information]

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot >
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:02:21 PM
To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot; [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot>
Subject: New National Parks - Introductory Meeting - Largo Bay
When: 28 September 2023 15:30-16:00.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Dear [redacted – personal information],

As per our emails, an introductory meeting to discuss the New National Parks process and nominations.

Best,
[redacted – personal information]

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From: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 10:36 AM
To: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Subject: Re: New National Parks

Hello ! I would be delighted to meet tomorrow. 😊 what times are suitable for you?

[redacted – personal information]

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

5 September 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** National Parks

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:51 AM

To: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>

Cc: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Expression of Interest for Designating Largo Bay as a Protected Marine Park

Dear [redacted – personal information],

Thank you for registering your interest in submitting a nomination for a new National Park in Scotland. We expect the nominations period to commence later in the Autumn this year.

We have recently completed a public consultation on the appraisal framework which will support the new National Park selection process and we will be publishing the results of this consultation shortly. While it is now closed for responses, you can access the consultation information here - <https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/new-national-parks-appraisal-framework>

We will contact those who have registered their interest with any key dates, information and updates throughout the process.

Kind regards,

New National Park(s) Team

[redacted – personal information] | [Project Lead – New National Park\(s\) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government](#)

23 August 2023

From: [redacted – personal information]@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 5:48 PM

To: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Subject: Expression of Interest for Designating Largo Bay as a Protected Marine Park

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Largo Communities Together to formally express our interest in registering Largo Bay as a protected marine park.

Largo Bay is a unique ecological treasure that harbours a rich diversity of marine life. Its preservation is not just crucial for the local ecosystem but holds significant importance for our community as well. By designating it as a protected marine park, we can ensure

its sustainability for future generations, while also enhancing tourism and local livelihoods.

We believe that our collective efforts can help in maintaining the natural beauty and biological integrity of Largo Bay.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss our proposal in further detail. Could you please guide us on the next steps?

Thank you for considering our request. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

[redacted – personal information]

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