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Our Reference: 202300360214  
Your Reference: Loch Long development

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Dear Graeme,

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 May on behalf of Animal Concern, concerning a recalled planning appeal for Beinn Reithe, Loch Long Fish Farm, G83 7AR.

As you are aware Scottish Ministers called in this appeal on 06 March, for determination to allow further consideration of the appeal as the case raises issues of national significance in view of its potential impact on Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. These would benefit from further scrutiny by Ministers, particularly in view of the community council and many objectors interest in the proposed development.

A reporter from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government has been appointed to examine this proposed development and report, with recommendations, to Ministers who will make the final decision on this appeal.

The reporter and Ministers will take full account of submissions made by all parties, including members of the local community. The process that will be followed is outlined on the DPEA website, you are able to access this through the following link: [Scottish Government - DPEA - Case Details \(scotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/planning-and-environmental-appeals-division/dpea/case-details)

Both the reporter's recommendation and Ministers final decision on this appeal will be made on the planning merits of the case and in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

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I trust you will appreciate that in these circumstances it would not be appropriate for me to comment on the merits of the appeal.

Yours sincerely,



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**JOE FITZPATRICK**

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