



STIRLING Council has opened a public consultation following an asset transfer request from East Loch Lomond Community Trust (ELLCT) that calls for the car park at Balmaha Visitor Centre to be managed and run by the community, for the community.

You can email your comments to lawrieg@stirling.gov.uk with 'Balmaha Car Park Asset Transfer' in the subject line. You can also show your support by filling in the tear-off slip below.



More info at <https://bit.ly/BalmahaCarPark> – or scan the QR code.

BACKGROUND: In October 2020 the ELLCT submitted a request for the asset transfer of the car park as the next phase of a plan initiated with the successful asset transfer request for the former toilet block site adjacent to the car park as identified in Buchanan Action Plan and in line with former community council priorities.

WHY? There are two main reasons why the car park should come under community ownership. Firstly, following Stirling Council's decision to charge for parking there is no plan to ringfence any of the revenue generated for investment into the area/community. Secondly, lack of resources and other issues has meant Stirling Council has been unable to effectively manage the car park and parking in the area.

HOW? The ELLCT's business plan – available as part of the consultation at <https://bit.ly/BalmahaCarPark> (or scan the QR code above) proposes the employment of local people to manage the car park and be immediately responsive to parking issues. It also outlines plans on how the area would be maintained and visitors engaged.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: Revenue will support local community projects proposed and decided upon by ELLCT members. Examples of potential projects could be refurbishment of community properties, reinstatement of local woodland walks, support for all kinds of community projects and organisations. In addition, the project would employ local people and local residents will not be required to pay parking.



I support East Loch Lomond Community Trust's asset transfer request for community ownership and management of Balmaha Car Park

Name:

Address:

Signed:

Date:



EAST Loch Lomond Community Trust (ELLCT) was formed in 2017 and has more than 90 members who live in the trust area which extends from Buchanan Smithy to Rowardennan.

Area boundaries and information are available on the ELLCT website at

www.ellct.scot

Since its formation, the ELLCT has:

- organised and run a successful community fun day
- secured key worker homes in Balmaha's affordable housing development
- lobbied Stirling Council to clear the C6 overgrown verges
- secured grants from the Scottish Government's Timber Extraction Fund for up-grading the C6 road between Balmaha and Rowardennan.
- helped develop plans for the completion of the Drymen-Balmaha cycle path.
- supported provision and installation of defibrillators across the area.
- continued to flag up pursue East Loch Lomond issues with Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park (LLTNP)
- worked with local community groups to access funding

INTO THE FUTURE - Meetings and surveys to gather ideas and suggestions to create a Local Place Plan (LPP) are to be arranged. The LPP capitalises on local knowledge to reflect the aspirations of the local area.

More info about LLP at www.scdc.org.uk/what/local-place-plans

