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Dear Sir


22/01226/FLL | Formation of carpark, installation of solar parking meter and associated works | Land 55 Metres South East Of 1 Invervar Cottages Glenlyon

1. Mountaineering Scotland **supports** this planning proposal to extend the car parking area at Invervar, Glen Lyon, to 25 spaces.
2. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with more than 15,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.
3. There have been challenges with public access and car parking at this location over the years. The existing parking space is well used and appreciated by hillwalkers who wish to walk the Glen Lyon Horseshoe circuit of four Munros. It can be very busy at certain times of the year so an extension to accommodate visitors' vehicles would help both visitors and residents.
4. While supporting the proposal in principle, we have some comments to make for consideration by the Council.
5. We would support a condition to ensure the allocation of the 25 spaces for general public use, all year round, if it is within the power of the planning authority to stipulate this. Use of the existing car park has seasonal variations, with peaks in the spring and summer, but is used and valued by walkers the throughout the whole year. Visitor parking is currently proving difficult while the car park is currently closed, but not deterring walkers from trying to find parking spots and risking their safety walking the narrow, shady, unlit glen road to take in the Munros, especially during the longer evenings.
6. We would expect to see the car park available 24 hours a day, able to be used for overnight parking, to facilitate those visitors who wish to spend a couple of nights wild camping in the hills. We think it is essential that an expanded car park can accept unoccupied cars, safely parked off-road overnight,

as long as they have paid the appropriate parking tariff. We suggest investigating the availability of purchasing parking tickets for more than one day.

7. Although likely to not be a planning matter, we ask that the proposed solar-powered parking meters are set with a reasonable parking tariff that will be affordable for people on low incomes. A rate set too high in the public's perception will result in vehicle owners seeking other places to park in the glen, with the car park failing in its purpose to concentrate parked vehicles in a single location

Yours sincerely

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