

Coigach Community Council

6/05/2021

To whom it may concern at Highland Council.

Support for improvements at Stac Pollaidh car park.

The Coigach CC has previously written to Highland Council to fully support the plans by the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland (OATS) working with the landowners, Inverpolly Estate, to extend the Stac Pollaidh Carpark and improve the facilities there as well as surrounding paths. We support the plan to lease the existing car park from Highland Council to facilitate this. We now wish to give our support to the plans for the groundworks to be carried out on the existing car park and its extension.

We will not reiterate the longstanding and ever increasing traffic and environmental problems we are suffering as we know these are well documented by OATS. In the past the CCC have made our local Councilors aware of the issues and they have no doubt felt frustrated by the lack of funding to address these.

We are pleased also at the prospect of an easy access path down to the loch and improvements to existing paths. We look forward to all the hurdles of planning, environmental concerns and funding being overcome so that the work can start.

Yours sincerely,

Alasdair Macleod (Chairman, Coigach CC)

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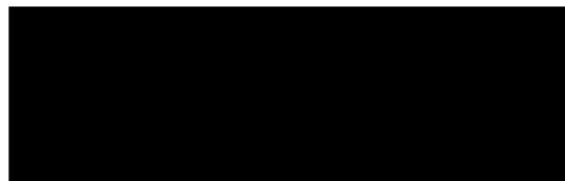
Support for improvements at the Stac Pollaidh car park.

The Northwest Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark is fully supportive of the plans by the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland (OATS) working with the landowners, Inverpolly Estate, to extend the Stac Pollaidh Carpark, and to improve the facilities and surrounding paths. We support the plan for the OATS to lease the existing car park from Highland Council to facilitate this.

In our charitable work running the Geopark, it has long been clear that the local community and visitors are impacted by dangerous parking of cars, increasingly larger motorhomes and obstruction by pedestrians, all of which is impossible to police. In addition, overflowing bins and human waste are serious environmental concerns.

We are pleased to see that there are now plans for collaboration between OATS and Inverpolly Estate and look forward to the work being started. We would also be pleased to offer support for the modification of existing and provision of new interpretive signage on the geology and landforms - this area is one of the jewels in the crown supporting the UNESCO designation.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Iain M Young

Chair

North West Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark.