



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Development Management Planner
35 hours per week

Job Description

What We Do



Our mission is to protect and enhance Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The National Park covers an area of outstanding landscapes, habitats and communities – and it's our job to protect it, and reduce the impact of visitor and recreational pressures.

The National Park (Scotland) Act 2000 sets out four aims for Scotland's National Parks, each one designed to safeguard a sustainable future:



Conserve and enhance

We conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area.



Sustainability

We promote the sustainable use of the natural resources of the area.



Understanding and enjoyment

We promote the sustainable use of the natural resources of the area.



Social and economic development

We promote sustainable development of the communities in the area.



The Role

Salary: £39,130 - £46,856 (Band D) per annum (placement on salary scale dependant on experience)

Working Hours: 35 hours per week

Contract: Permanent

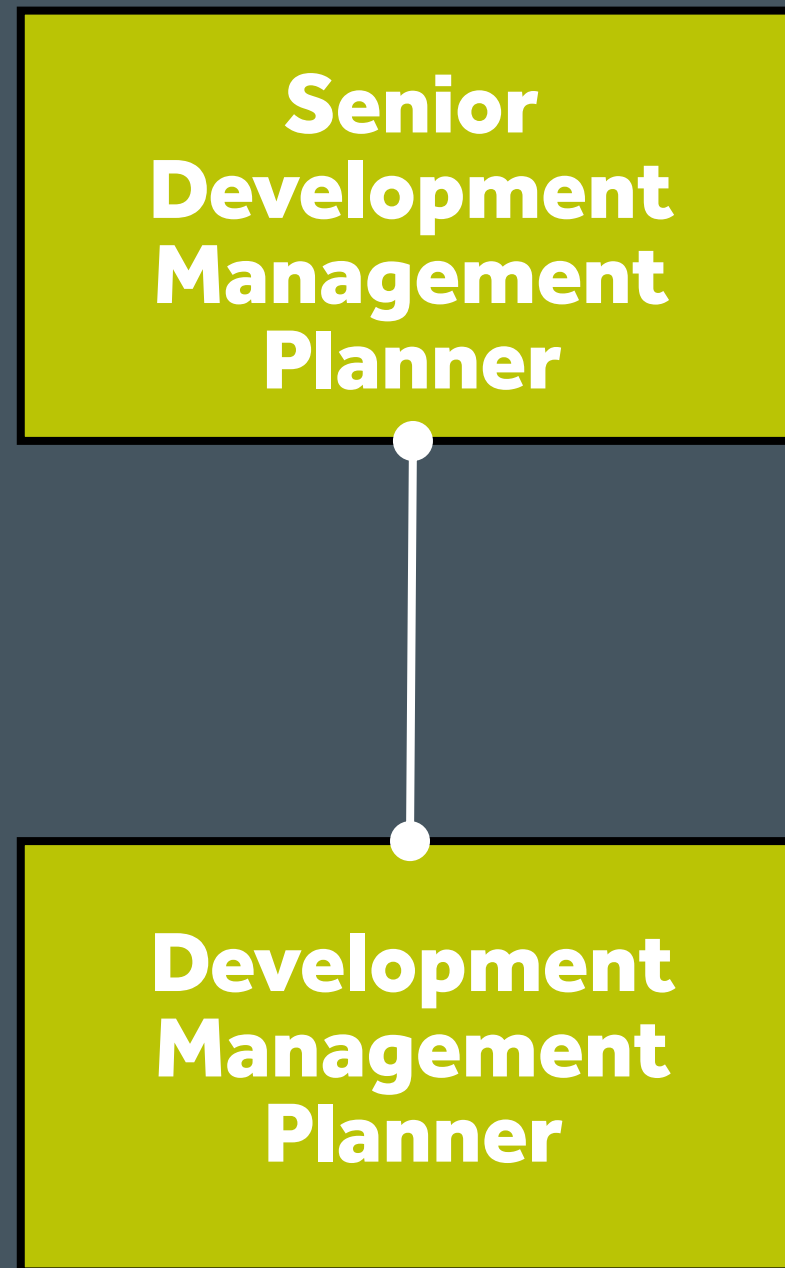
Location: Balloch, with hybrid working model of 1-2 days per week in the office

This role sits within our Development Management team and focuses on the determination of planning applications and associated casework. You will assess proposals, provide clear and balanced planning advice, and work constructively with applicants and stakeholders to achieve high-quality outcomes. The role is central to ensuring that development aligns with policy and supports the National Park's objectives for climate, nature and sustainable places. It offers a varied workload, combining technical assessment with day-to-day casework management and engagement.

The National Park continues to see a significant level of development interest across a wide and varied planning application workload – from a gold mine to affordable housing development, run of river hydro schemes and hotel and tourism development – there is a lot going on.

The successful candidate will handle a range of our more complex planning applications to deliver timeous planning decisions which will contribute to wider National Park outcomes. Our Vision is for the National Park to be a thriving place that is nature positive and carbon negative.

Key Purpose



To contribute to the successful delivery of the Authority's statutory planning function particularly through supporting an efficient and outcome focused Development Management Service which achieves National Park aims and identified corporate outcomes.

Key Accountabilities

01

Contribute to a positive and efficient Development Management service through the handling of planning and other related applications, and any resultant appeals, and delivering timeous planning decisions which contribute to wider defined Authority outcomes, including clear reporting of recommendations for Committee or Board decisions. Contribute to other aspects of the Service including: supporting systems which facilitate positive enforcement of planning control; supporting the delivery of services on-line; and participating in the delivery of any rural development project activity areas.

02

Contribute to ensuring that the Planning Service is operated to a high standard, including ensuring the delivery of defined performance targets and outcomes and an excellent public service.

03

Contribute as required to the development of strategies, policies and guidance which support the delivery of the Development Management Service and inform wider Authority strategies and initiatives.

04

Contribute effectively to a customer focused planning advice and information service and to all monitoring and information systems, including online e-planning services, which provide intelligence on planning and development in the National Park.

Key Accountabilities

05

Develop or support initiatives which promote wider understanding of planning issues and the operation of the Planning Service in the National Park, and provide more effective opportunities for public involvement in the planning process.

06

Enable the necessary partnerships, engagement and consultation processes with other organisations, interests and stakeholders in the planning system to secure support for the defined priorities and outcomes being delivered by the planning service.

07

Undertake any other duties appropriate to the grade as required.

Essential Criteria

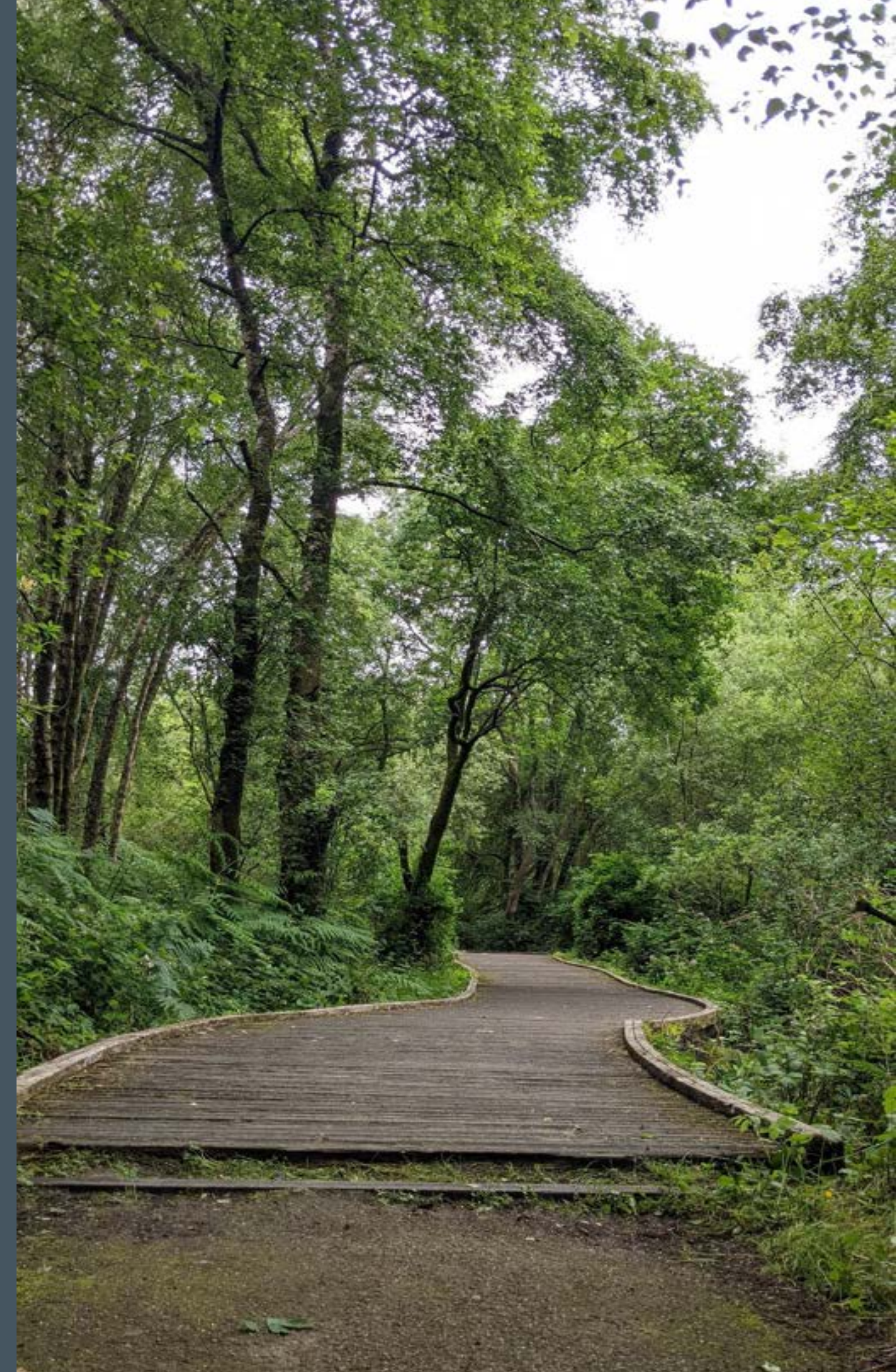
- Demonstrable relevant experience, high degree of professionalism and record of success in a successful development management service
- Knowledge and experience of rural planning issues
- Computer literate
- Numerate
- Excellent written and oral skills
- Articulate with excellent interpersonal skills
- Demonstrate personal commitment and empathy to the principles of sustainable development and protected area management
- Degree or equivalent in Planning
- Corporate membership of RTPI (or an advanced stage' towards MRTPI)
- Current UK Driving Licence
- Flexible approach to working hours as evening and weekend working will occasionally be required



Desirable Criteria

- Up-to-date knowledge of the Scottish Environmental and planning sector

We recognise that no candidate will meet every requirement. If you are excited by this opportunity and believe you have the skills, experience and potential to succeed, we would encourage you to apply even if your experience does not align perfectly with every aspect of the role.





Our Benefits

- Working for an Accredited Living Wage Employer
- Hybrid working available for the majority of office based roles
- Flexi-time scheme, allowing flexibility over start and finish times
- A generous leave allowance starting at 30 days (plus 8 days public holidays), rising to 35 days after 5 years' service
- 3 'volunteering days' per year
- 3 'wellbeing/me days' per year
- 'Moving House Day'
- Caring/Immediate Family Leave
- Local government pension scheme (Strathclyde Pension Fund – 10% Employer Contributions potentially raising to 19%)
- Death in service benefit
- Interest Free Loan for rail travel and further education
- Cycle to work scheme
- On site gym facilities (£30 per year)
- For further information about our benefits please view [this page](#).



Our Values

- Being part of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority means being passionate about what you do, working hard to inspire and lead the way for others. We care about each other and are accessible and friendly treating each other with respect and understanding, we think about our planet with each decision we make. Together, we are the difference.
- Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority are proud to celebrate difference. Diversity of experience is vital in our success we want our business to be representative to the communities we work alongside. As an equal opportunity employer, we actively encourage applicants from a wide range of individuals, irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, gender identity and expression, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.
- To read more about our values please visit [our website](#).



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Thank you!

Good luck!

Here. Now. All of us.