

Balmaha is a small village located within the western rural area of the district on the east shore of Loch Lomond approximately 4 miles west of Drymen. It is also located within the Loch Lomond National Scenic Area. Reference should also be made to the Loch Lomond Local (Subject) Plan for Tourism, Recreation and Conservation as Balmaha is within the Plan boundaries. A review of that plan has been carried out and a finalised draft prepared.

Housing

In line with the requirements of the Structure Plan and the Loch Lomond Local (Subject) Plan, new housing will be required to meet "local needs". There is no specific allocation for Balmaha and any new housing will most likely occur through single plots and gap site developments in appropriate locations. (see HOUSING chapter Policy H5).

Business and Economic Activity

Owing to Balmaha's close proximity to the east shore of Loch Lomond, local employment is largely associated with the Loch and tourism. However, forestry and farming related employment is also important. In recognition of the importance of tourism to the village, the *Loch Lomond Balmaha Enhancement and Development Opportunity Study* was commissioned by Forth Valley Enterprise, Loch Lomond Park Authority, Stirling District Council and Central Regional Council. The key proposals arising from this study are identified in the Loch Lomond Subject Plan, and are now finished or are nearing completion e.g. footpath improvements, the visitor centre, environmental improvements and signage. In addition to these proposals planning consent has been granted for the erection of 12 holiday chalets at Montrose House.

Community, Leisure and Recreation

Balmaha is ideally located for land and water-based leisure and recreational pursuits. The village is specifically identified as an area with recreational development potential in the Loch Lomond Subject Plan. The village and surrounding area could provide further opportunities for both residents and visitors to make greater use of the recreational potential in this area.

Environment

It should be noted that general Policy C11 which seeks the protection from development of existing open spaces applies within the village.

PROPOSALS: BALMAHA

Proposal No.	Proposal	Agency	Comments
BUSINESS & ECONOMIC ACTIVITY			
BALM.B1	Montrose House	Private	Erection of 12 holiday chalets.

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- Proposal
- NATIONAL SCENIC AREA
- OUTWITH COUNCIL AREA
- SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST
- NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE
- SPECIAL AREA OF CONSERVATION
- RAMSAR SITE

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