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Dear Sirs,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1999
WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, DURNESS (SCOPING OPINION)**

**Transport Scotland Ref: ZZA 5/15
Your Ref: SU.14/Scoping/AJT/JAA**

With reference to your correspondence, dated 12th June 2007, relating to the above development, we write to inform you of our involvement as Term Consultants to Transport Scotland - Trunk Road Network Management Directorate (TS-TRNMD) in relation to the provision of advice on issues affecting the trunk road network.

In considering trunk road impacts there are a number of issues which should be taken into consideration when assessing the merits of this site. In general it is expected that information will be provided on the wider impact of development related traffic where this may be appropriate along with the requirements for any consequent mitigation. These relate specifically to the suitability of the access onto the trunk road in terms of visibility and construction, the requirements for which can be found in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).

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Potential trunk road related environmental impacts such as noise, air quality, safety, severance etc should be assessed. Where such environmental impacts have been fully investigated but found to be of little or no significance, it is sufficient to validate that part of the assessment by stating in the report:

- the work that has been undertaken e.g. Transport/ Noise/ Air Quality Assessments, etc.
- what this has shown i.e. what impact if any has been identified, and,
- why it is not significant

It is not necessary to include all the information gathered during the assessment of these impacts, although this information should be available, if requested.

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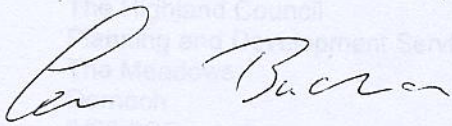
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I trust that the above is satisfactory and should you wish to discuss any issues raised in greater detail please do not hesitate to contact me at our Glasgow office.

Yours faithfully



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Principal Transport Planner

cc Mr H. McCafferty TS - TRNMD (Electronic Copy)
cc Mr K. Holmes SE-ED (Electronic Copy)

Transport Scotland Ref: ZZA 513
Your Ref: SU14/Scoping/AJT/JAA

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