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By email (ldp@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) only

Dear Sirs

**PROPOSED ABERDEENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020
LAND AT HUNTLY AUCTION MART (SITE BUS3)**

I write on behalf of United Auctions who operate Huntly Auction Mart and own land adjoining to the south and west.

This land is currently safeguarded for business uses in the adopted Local Development Plan 2017 and United Auctions fully support the Council's intention to retain this safeguarding in the emerging Local Development Plan 2021 (Site Ref. BUS3).

United Auctions consider that there is scope in the future to successfully expand their existing operations in Huntly through the establishment of an 'agricultural business hub' at this location centred on their existing livestock auction business.

The business model could potentially mirror that already in place at United Auctions' principal site in Stirling where other businesses with agricultural connections have been attracted to locate such as animal feed suppliers, farming equipment/animal trailer suppliers etc.

It is considered that such future development at Huntly would future-proof United Auctions' existing business activities and help attract inward investment into the town.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or wish to discuss.

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Yours faithfully,

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for Galbraith

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