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Planning and Building Standards Infrastructure Services Aberdeenshire Council Woodhill House Aberdeen AB16 5GB

Our ref: 01402 Environmental Report - Aberdeenshire Council - Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan

31 July 2020

Dear

With reference to the Environmental Report you submitted to the SEA Gateway on 25 May 2020.

In accordance with Section 16 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Consultation Authorities have now considered the Environmental report you submitted. The individual responses from the Consultation Authorities are attached to this letter.

As the Consultation Authorities have now expressed their opinions, you should refer to the 2005 Act to consider your next step, while taking into account the opinions of the Consultation Authorities.

If you have any queries or would like me to clarify any points, please call me on



Kind regards

Environmental Assessment and Policy Officer





Sent by email to: Planning and Environmental Services Infrastructure Services Aberdeenshire Council Woodhill House Westburn Road Aberdeen AB16 5GB Date: 31 July 2020 Our ref: Dear **Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005** 01402 Environmental Report for Aberdeenshire Proposed Local Development Plan 2020 Thank you for consulting us on the Environmental Report for the Aberdeenshire Proposed Local Development Plan 2020. We have provided advice on the Council's Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) Report and the Proposed Plan in separate letters. Our HRA advice is likely to necessitate changes to the HRA Record, and the SEA should be amended so that it is consistent with the HRA once revised. For allocations where we have made representations to address landscape and visual impacts, in our view, where relevant the Environmental Report should more correctly state '+/-' instead of '0' in relation to the landscape topic. Notwithstanding these comments, however, we are satisfied with the Environmental Report, and appreciate the huge effort that has gone into preparing it and accommodating our previous comments. If you have any queries please contact in the first instance. Yours sincerely Operations Manager Tayside and Grampian Copy to: