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Dear Ms Green

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)  
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011  
Grandhome Residential Development  
Scoping Consultation**

Thank you for your consultation dated 9 October, seeking comments/information on the above. We have treated this as a request for information on the potential scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the relevant regulations which might be required for this development. Our comments here concentrate on our statutory remit at the national level for scheduled monuments and their setting, category A listed buildings and their setting, and battlefields and gardens and designed landscapes appearing in their respective Inventories. Please also seek information and advice from your Council's archaeological and conservation services if you have not already done so.

**Our view on the principle of the proposal**

We understand that the development comprises a large mixed use urban expansion on approximately 320 hectares of land at Grandhome on the north-western edge of Aberdeen. The site is identified as an Opportunity Site (OP12) in the Aberdeen City Local Development Plan. We have previously provided pre-application advice on this proposal to the applicant's agent, and note that the development boundary has since altered. Whilst it may be possible to accommodate a development of this nature and scale in this location without it raising serious issues for our historic environment interests, we would expect certain aspects of the proposal to be assessed and this particularly relates to the historic environment feature listed below.

**Potential impacts to be considered**

We can confirm that there are no heritage assets within our remit within the site boundary. On the basis of the information provided, we consider that there is potential for significant indirect (setting) impacts upon the following scheduled monument:

**Foucausie, hut circle 250m SSE of (SM 12452).** Assessment of potential impacts

on this heritage asset should be included in the scope of the ES. Where significant impacts are predicted, the conclusions of the assessment should be supported by appropriate visualisations. Ancillary development should be designed to avoid direct impacts on the scheduled monument (any direct impacts would require scheduled monument consent).

In assessing the likely impact from the development on the setting of heritage features, the developer may wish to refer to the advice contained in our Managing Change in the Historic Environment guidance note on setting: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/managingchange>, and our online EIA advice: [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/policy/environmental-assessment/eiafags](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/policy/environmental-assessment/eiafags). If you wish to discuss the contents of this response in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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