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13 April 2011

FAO: Tim Stott, Principal Planner

Dear Sir,

Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan

Call for sites 2011

Alexander Ross & Sons (Sand & Gravel) are one of the principal suppliers of quarry materials to the construction industry in the Inner Moray Firth and wider Highland area. Our operations at Mid-Lairgs Quarry also contribute both direct and indirect employment to the region. We are aware that any significant changes to the existing Highland Council minerals policies in the forthcoming Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan may have major impacts on the local minerals industry and consider the policies in the existing Local Plan and Structure Plan to be fair and proportionate; recognising the importance of minerals to the local economy while following national guidelines and not imposing unreasonable requirements on the minerals industry.

Alexander Ross & Sons would therefore like to ensure that Mid-Lairgs near Daviot is identified in the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan as an operating hard rock and sand & gravel quarry.

Alexander Ross & Sons operate Mid-Lairgs Quarry under the following permissions:

02/00765/FULIN - Amended proposal for continued extraction of sand and gravel and associated processing to supercede application IN/2001/97

06/00354/FULIN - Planning application for a variation of Condition 2 of 02/00765/FULIN to allow the drilling and blasting of rock

06/01084/FULIN - Reworking of a previous excavation to extract sand and gravel

07/00735/FULIN - Aggregate recycling

We would welcome any questions you may have about our intentions for the future development of Mid-Lairgs Quarry and would like to be kept informed throughout the local development plan consultation process.

Yours sincerely



Alan M Ross
Director