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Dear Mr MacKenzie

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
The Highland Council – Housing in the Countryside and Design – Interim SG
Screening Report**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for The Highland Council's Interim Supplementary Guidance on Housing in the Countryside and Design received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 10 June 2011. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so I have used the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of the effects on the environment. Please note that our view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

My understanding from the report is that the guidance reviews existing Supplementary Guidance and will offer advice and interpretation of Policies 36 and 37 from the Highland Wide Local Development Plan. I note that you consider that the SPG in itself is unlikely to result in significant environmental effects. In light of the information contained in the report I agree that the guidance is unlikely to have significant effects on the historic environment.

As you will be aware, it is the responsibility of The Highland Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the guidance requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely

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