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Dear Mr Hindson

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005  
The Highland Council – Planning Constraints on Development: Supplementary  
Guidance  
Screening Report**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for the Highland Council's supplementary guidance on physical constraints on development which was received in the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 12 July 2010. 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 screening report is that the guidance will give further advice on the Physical Constraints Policy of the emerging Highland wide Local Development Plan (LDP) and will identify physical constraints to development in the Highland Council area that will be taken into account when determining planning applications under this policy. I note that the guidance will not consider built or cultural heritage designations which are covered by other policies within the LDP. In light of this and other information contained in the report I agree that the guidance is unlikely to have significant effects for the historic environment.

As you will be aware, however, it is the responsibility of the Highland Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the plan 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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