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Dear Ms Webster

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
The Highland Council – Nairn Town Centre Development Brief
Screening Report

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the screening report for the Highland Council's Nairn Town Centre Development Brief, received by the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 27 September 2010. I have reviewed the screening report on behalf of Historic Scotland in its role as a Consultation Authority in accordance with Section 9(3) of the above Act. In doing so, I have used the criteria set out in schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Please note that this view is based on our main area of interest for the historic environment.

In light of the information included in the report I agree that this Development Brief is not likely to have significant effects on 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 Development Brief requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

I hope this has been helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the above details should you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely



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