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Dear Mr Hilton

Re: 10/02046/APP & 10/02117/LBC (Demolish existing building and erect flatted development (8 units) and associated infrastructure works - Castle Inn, 29 Caroline Street, Forres

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd June 2011 concerning the above applications that are currently pending consideration and I have been asked by Mr Sutherland to respond on his behalf.

I note that there has been limited correspondence with yourself and the case officer Mr Wilson so far regarding these applications but there has been an exchange of e-mails enclosing consultation responses from Transportation and Historic Scotland.

I have taken the opportunity to review the consultation response issued by Historic Scotland in their letter dated 16th February 2011. To avoid any doubt I have forwarded the supporting information you submitted directly to Mr Montgomery and have requested that a revised response be provided making specific reference to the supporting information submitted by yourself. A revised response has been received and I have attached a copy for your information.

As you will see from the revised comments that this has not fundamentally changed from the original recommendation and I hope you agree that no additional delay has been caused to the processing of the application.

I note that you refer to a general planning enquiry that you made reference 09/02067/GPA which you received no reply. I apologise for the lack of response and Mr Wilson has advised that he has been unable to locate the documentation you refer to. As an application has now been submitted this has therefore superseded the original enquiry. We will endeavour to determine the application once you have provided confirmation as to whether or not you wish to have the opportunity to make a formal response to the consultation responses from Transportation and Historic Scotland prior to a formal recommendation on the application being made.

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Should you also wish to take the opportunity of attending a meeting as suggested by Mr Montgomery in the attached response then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wilson who will be able to coordinate this.

I trust the above addresses the points you have raised and should you wish to discuss any of the matters further do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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