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Dear Graham

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Perth and Kinross Council – Forest and Woodland Strategy
Environmental Report**

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the environmental report for Perth and Kinross Council's Forest and Woodland Strategy which was received in the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 22 January 2014. I have reviewed the environmental report on behalf of Historic Scotland and should make clear that this response is in the context of the SEA Act and our role as a Consultation Authority. My focus in reviewing the Environmental Report is on the potential for significant environmental impacts on the historic environment that may arise from the strategy.

General Comments

The assessment provides a clear understanding of the environmental implications of different themes and policy scenarios. In terms of the historic environment the assessment is well balanced and offers appropriate mitigation for the identified effects of the strategy.

List of Mitigation and Enhancement Measures

The manner in which the suite of available mitigation and enhancement measures have been developed and linked to individual assessment findings is welcomed. This legibility makes the requirement of such measures in the delivery of component parts of the strategy easy to understand and implement.

Monitoring Proposals

I welcome the recognition within the assessment of the need to consider how to monitor the predicted effects of the strategy. The initial approach to this in terms of aligning a monitoring framework with the SEA objectives is welcomed and I note that further details on this framework will be presented in the SEA Post Adoption Statement.



Appendix B: Environmental Baseline

I can confirm the information relating to the historic environment within this section and particularly welcome the utilisation of Historic Landuse Assessment information to further inform the understanding of the cultural resource of the area.

Appendix C: Detailed Assessment Tables

This section offers a thorough examination of the likely implications on the historic environment from the various themes of the strategy. The simple scoring system is supplemented by an explanatory discourse that brings out the positive and negative effects associated and clearly signposts to the relevant mitigation / enhancement opportunities where appropriate. I am content to agree with the findings of this assessment.

Appendix D: Analysis of SEA Scoping Report Comments

The clear and concise manner in which the response to consultees comments at previous stages and how these have been integrated into the assessment is particularly welcomed.

Should you wish to discuss any issue raised in this response please do not hesitate to contact me on the above details.

Yours sincerely

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