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Dear Ms Ferguson

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project Ministerial approval of Construction Environment Management Document (CEMD)

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 February seeking our views on the above draft plan documents. Our comments here concentrate on our statutory remit for scheduled monuments and their setting, category A listed buildings and their setting and gardens and designed landscapes and battlefields appearing in their respective Inventories.

We welcome the preparation of the Construction Environment Management Document (CEMD) and in particular the Archaeology Plan and Landscape Mitigation and Compensation Plan. We are content that the activities, protocols and reinstatement plans outlined within these documents are appropriate for the historic environment and would offer the following minor comments on their content.

CEMD Chapter 4 – Archaeology

We are content to agree with the Protocols for Archaeological Discovery set out within the document.

Simply for clarification, in Section 4.4.2 it is reported that St Fittick's Church is Listed Category A. St Fittick's Church was delisted (it had been Category B) on 14 September 2016 as part of our Dual Designation Programme. The Church remains a Scheduled Monument.

All references within the document to Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP) should be updated to the Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statement June 2016 which has replaced SHEP. Furthermore, in noting that the site archive will be lodged with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) this should be updated to Historic Environment Scotland.

CEMD Chapter 10 – Landscape Mitigation and Compensation Plan

We note that the Landscape Mitigation and Compensation Plan has been prepared in line with the Detailed Mitigation and Compensation Plan (DMCP). In light of this we welcome

the proposed reinstatement work adjacent to the designated heritage assets (St Fittick's Church and Girdleness Lighthouse).

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Andrew Stevenson and they can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8960 or by email on andrew.stevenson2@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

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