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Your ref: P/14/0046/PPP/DHC/ES
Our ref: NA-FLK-035
8 April 2015

Dear Mr Campbell

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)
(SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 2009
DISTRIBUTOR ROAD AND ASSOCIATED EARTH WORKS AT MILNQUARTER FARM,
ROMAN ROAD, BONNYBRIDGE**

I refer to your Council's letter and enclosures of 10 February 2015 notifying the above application to Scottish Ministers following consideration by Falkirk Council who were minded to grant planning permission against the advice of Historic Scotland.

Having considered the proposal, Scottish Ministers have decided, in terms of Section 46 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to require the application to be referred to them for determination. Accordingly, a Direction, given in terms of Section 46 is enclosed.

This Direction is given in view of the proposed development's possible significant adverse impacts on the setting of scheduled monuments and the Outstanding Universal Value of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site.

Regulation 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 requires the planning authority to serve notice on the applicant for planning permission of the terms of the Direction, of the reasons for issuing it, that the application has been referred to Scottish Ministers and that the decision of Ministers will be final. In connection with the service of notice, your attention is drawn to section 271 of the 1997 Act. I should be glad if your Council would serve the required notice and let me have a copy. There is also a requirement to include a copy of the decision to call in on the planning register in accordance with regulation 16 and paragraph 3(d) of Schedule 2.

The application will be submitted to the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA) for an examination by a reporter of all the evidence submitted in accordance with the town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. I would be grateful if you would prepare a disk containing all the application documentation, as this data is required by DPEA to insert on to their web site. The disk should be sent directly to Mr David Henderson, Head of Performance and Administration, DPEA, 4 The Courtyard, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk FK1 1XR who will make arrangements for processing the case. Thereafter the appointed reporter has been asked to submit a report with recommendations to Scottish Ministers for their consideration and determination.

Any queries relating to providing the requested information or the future handling of the case should be directed to DPEA.

Yours sincerely

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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 46(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby direct that Falkirk Council refer to them for determination the application for planning permission in principle under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 received by them from Manor Forrest Ltd for a distributor road and associated earth works at Milnquarter Farm, Roman Road, Bonnybridge.

This Direction is given in view of the proposed development's possible significant adverse impacts on the setting of scheduled monuments and the Outstanding Universal Value of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Antonine Wall) World Heritage Site.

This Direction may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Reference of Application) (Falkirk Council) (Planning Permission in Principle for a distributor road and associated earth works at Milnquarter Farm, Roman Road, Bonnybridge) Direction 2015.

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