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Dear Shona

Dumfries and Galloway Council Local Development Plan – Mineral Resources Supplementary Guidance

I refer to your correspondence of 20 November 2015 certifying notice of Dumfries and Galloway Council's intention to adopt the above supplementary guidance. I also refer to subsequent notification from Scottish Ministers extending the period of their consideration.

Scottish Ministers give notice that the supplementary guidance, Mineral Resources, may not be adopted until modifications specified in Annex A to this notice have been made.

These modifications are required to clarify how policy set out Scottish Planning Policy (SPP, 2014) and the Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan (adopted 29 September 2014) will be addressed by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A - Modifications

1) At paragraph 1.4 amend the final sentence to read ...

“... and it also identifies the wider area where the region’s coal resource can be found as a statement of fact.

2) At paragraph 1.5 amend the final sentence to read ...

“The Technical Paper identifies that there is currently an adequate land bank of (non-coal) mineral reserves and therefore no areas of search are proposed.”

3) Amend paragraph 3.2 to end with the sentence ...

“These maps only show the particular polygon (mapped by the BGS) that is associated with the identified quarry.”

4) Add a new paragraph 3.3 that reads as follows:

“The coal maps (maps 8-9) show those areas where coal resources are known to be found and those areas which have been subject to planning permission as identified on the Council’s Geographic Information System (GIS). Although Local Development Plan Policy ED14: Mineral Safeguarding seeks supplementary guidance to identify broad areas where surface coal extraction may be acceptable, it is intended that identification of areas of search be discussed and identified through the next Main Issues Report and Proposed Plan as part of the process of preparing the next local development plan. That will allow the opportunity for further engagement with communities and the coal industry on the topic. In the meantime, proposals for coal extraction will be assessed under local development plan policies ED14: Mineral Safeguarding and ED15: Minerals. Applicants and communities should note that Scottish Planning Policy paragraphs 234 to 248 are relevant to such proposals.”