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Dear Mr Mckie

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
(SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 2009  
PLANNING APPLICATION FOR RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE OF  
AGRICULTURAL LAND TO FORM 10 STANCE CARAVAN PARK (PERMANENT  
HALTING SITE FOR GYPSIES/TRAVELLERS) AND TOURING GYPSY/TRAVELLERS  
SITE, FORMATION OF ROAD AND ERECTION OF BOUNDARY  
FENCING/WALLS/GATES, TOILET BLOCK, WASHROOM, DAY ROOM/CLASSROOM,  
PUMP STATION AND RECYCLING POINT AT LAND TO SOUTH WEST OF ESKVIEW  
FARM, ST CYRUS, MONTROSE**

1. This letter contains Scottish Ministers' decision on the above planning application submitted to Aberdeenshire Council on behalf of Northesk Investments Limited. The application was called in for Scottish Ministers' determination on 19 August 2016.
2. The application has been considered by means of written submissions and site inspections by Mr Rob Huntley, BSc DipTP MRTPI, a reporter appointed for that purpose. A copy of Mr Huntley's report is enclosed.

**Consideration by the Reporter**

3. The contents of the report are listed on page 1, with the reporter's conclusions and recommendations set out in chapters 8 and 9.

