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Your ref: AMH/3927/1/1  
Our ref: SMC-ABC-001  
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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
DIRECTION 2015  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION/RECORDING OF MONUMENT AT SLOCHD  
MEASACH, GIANTS GRAVE, CHAMBERED CAIRN, NEREABOLLS**

I refer to your letter of 6 July 2016 with which a copy of the scheduled monument consent application relating to the above development was notified to Scottish Ministers in accordance with the above mentioned Direction.

It is not Scottish Ministers' intention to intervene in this application by either issuing a direction restricting the granting of scheduled monument consent or by calling in the application for their own determination. Accordingly you, as determining authority are hereby authorised to deal with the application in the manner it thinks fit.

A copy of our assessment report into this application can be found on our website at –

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Management/Planning-Decisions>

Yours sincerely

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