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Your ref: AMH/69/1/1  
Our ref: SMC-ABS-001  
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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
DIRECTION 2015  
FINAL SEASON OF EVALUATION EXCAVATION AT RHYNIE AS PART OF THE  
NORTHERN PICTS PROJECT, CRAW STANE, SYMBOL STONE AND ENCLOSURE  
575M E OF MAINS OF RHYNIE**

I refer to your letter of 8 August 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.

Yours faithfully

ALEX KERR