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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)
DIRECTION 2015
EVALUATIVE EXCAVATION AT TAP O'NORTH HILLFORT TO NORTHWEST OF
RHYNIE VILLAGE**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3 March 2017, received by e-mail on 6 March 2017, relating to the above development, notified to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Schedule of the above Direction.

The period within which the Scottish Ministers may require you to refer the application to them for decision is 28 days from 6 March 2017, provided that the period may be extended before it expires if necessary to allow the Scottish Ministers to complete their consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

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