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Our ref: SMC-RFS-002  
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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
DIRECTION 2015  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION OF TWO TRENCHES AT DRAIN 75M SSW OF  
PAISLEY ABBEY**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14 August 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 14 August 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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