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Dear Emma

Midlothian Local Development Plan – Green Network Supplementary Guidance

I refer to your correspondence of 21 June certifying notice of Midlothian Council's intention to adopt the above supplementary guidance. I also refer to subsequent notification from Scottish Ministers extending the period of their consideration.

Scottish Ministers give notice that before the supplementary guidance, Green Network, is adopted, Midlothian Council must make the modifications to it which are specified in Annex A to this notice.

This modification is required to ensure that the supplementary guidance reflects the Scottish Government's Control of Woodland Removal Policy.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A - Modifications

1) *Amend paragraph 1.2.8 to state*

“1.2.8 Trees and woodland make a substantial contribution to urban and rural landscapes, providing a range of natural and semi-natural habitats. They also have an important role in contributing to sustainable water management, to the quality of rivers, soils and air, and to quality of life through opportunities for outdoor recreation, education and employment. All types of native woodland are recognised as priority habitats in terms of biodiversity at the national level. Ancient and semi-natural ancient woodland are of particular importance for biodiversity. The Council gives strong protection to woodland, tress and hedgerows, and will only allow the removal of trees and/or hedgerows where this will achieve significant and clearly defined public benefits (MLDP Policy ENV 11). The Scottish Government’s Control of Woodland Removal Policy will also be taken into account where relevant.”