

T: 0131-244 7073 F: 0131-244 7555
E: Alex.kerr@gov.scot

Gavin Evans
Senior Planner
Aberdeen City Council

GEvans@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Your ref: 17/0021/DPP
Our ref: NA-ABD-048
6 March 2018

Dear Mr Evans

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NEIGHBOURING PLANNING AUTHORITIES
AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT) (SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 2015
PROPOSED COMMUNITY AND SPORTS FACILITIES, FOOTBALL ACADEMY,
(COMPRISING OUTDOOR PITCHES, PAVILION, ANCILLARY BUILDINGS), STADIUM
(20,000 CAPACITY), ANCILLARY USES, FORMATION OF ACCESS ROADS, PARKING
AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING ON LAND AT WEST KINGSFORD (NORTH OF
A944 ROAD), SKENE ROAD, ABERDEEN**

I refer to your Council's e-mail of 2 February 2018 with which a copy of the planning application relating to the above development was notified to Scottish Ministers in accordance with the above mentioned Direction.

While recognising concerns raised by Aberdeenshire Council in relation to the planning application, Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the proposal does not warrant a decision to be taken by central government and that Aberdeen City Council is best placed to take this decision. It is not, therefore, Scottish Ministers' intention to intervene in this application by either issuing a direction restricting the granting of planning permission or by calling in the application for their own determination. Accordingly, Aberdeen City Council is hereby authorised to deal with the application in the manner it thinks fit. However, Ministers expect Aberdeen City Council, in doing so, to have regard to the matters raised by Aberdeenshire Council in the attached letter.

A copy of Planning and Architecture Division's assessment report into this application will shortly be available on our website at <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/planning-decisions-index/>

Yours sincerely

ALEX KERR