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Your ref: AMH/13324/1/1
Our ref: SMC-SBD-001
11 July 2019

Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)
DIRECTION 2015.**

**EXCAVATION OF 4 TRENCHES TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BUILDINGS ONSITE
AT MANTLE WALLS, ANCRUM, BISHOP'S PALACE**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11 July 2019, 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 11 July 2019, 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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