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Relates to exchanges in connection with the proposed Hyndford Quarry development (NOD-SLS-001) and within the scope of the request.

Note: Individual communications are separated by a full line to separate discrete exchanges. Where email communications have attachments, these are appended, where appropriate, below the main text of the email, prefaced by **[attachment below]**

From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 16 September 2016 08:47
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: Hyndford Quarry, Lanark (NOD/SLS/001) [BURNESSPAULL-Live.FID22708414]
Attachments: ROS S75 Registration Receipts.PDF

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Kind regards

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Senior Associate
Burness Paull LLP

From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 22 September 2016 11:30
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry, Lanark - DRAFT Decisions Letter (Amendments by [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data])

Hello again!
Hearing sessions between 19-21 Aug 2014 and further written submissions in 2015.

Receipt of acceptance and registration attached.

Hope this helps.

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 22 September 2016 11:23

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry, Lanark - DRAFT Decisions Letter (Amendments by Jane)

Me again.

What DPEA procedure - Was it a public examination or a hearing? The reporters' report says procedure used was a public examination with hearing sessions, site inspections and written subs. Our two intentions letters say the procedure was a hearing. Just want to get that point right.

Re the S75 – have we had confirmation that it has been recorded with RoS? Do we need that or is it okay that it has been signed?

Ta

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 22 September 2016 11:18

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry, Lanark - DRAFT Decisions Letter (Amendments by [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data])

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What a task! Thanks for looking at this again.

I have added some minimal comments in comparison to the size of work you have done. Looks fine to me but [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] and minerals policy colleagues can advise further.

Thanks again.

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[Attachment – S75 Registration receipt]

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Sent: 31 August 2016 10:15

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: Hyndford Quarry, Lanark (NOD/SLS/001) [BURNESSPAULL-Live.FID22708414]

Morning [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

We will now check over the fully signed agreement which should, in turn, enable Ministers to issue the formal consent letter.

I will respond as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 31 August 2016 10:08

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Apologies for the delay in providing evidence that the s75 agreement has been accepted for registration. This was caused by difficulties in submission of the agreement for registration. Further to my previous email, I now attach a fresh copy of the s75 agreement signed by all parties. The plan was amended with the agreement of both parties to remove certain areas of land. I also attach acknowledgements from Registers of Scotland of submission of the agreement for registration.

I would be grateful if you would now arrange for planning permission to be issued pursuant to your notice of intention dated 9 February 2016.

Kind regards

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From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 28 July 2016 10:09
To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: Hyndford Quarry, Lanark (NOD/SLS/001) [BURNESSPAULL-Live.FID22708414]

Morning [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Thanks for sending me a copy of the agreement. I will check this over and, all going well, I should be in a position to issue the final consent in the very near future.

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Cc: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] Chief Planner
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Ministers are content to grant an extension until June.

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Sent: 05 May 2016 12:02

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Cc: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 16 November 2016 16:15

To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

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Sent: 14 November 2016 13:13
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: FOR CHECKING - NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

Good job!

Being optimistic here but do you think that there is a possibility that we could issue on or before 28th? I have an FoI-Eir request from [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] see below.

I would feel comfortable giving him this if we had issued the consent. On the other hand, it may not be a big issue as we may be able to just refer [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] to ROS. I intend to check this out later this week.

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On 9 February 2016, the Directorate of Local Government and Communities Planning and Architecture: Planning Decisions issued a Notice of Intention addressed to Mr Mark Kelly of Cemex UK Operations Limited.

This related to the called in planning application, reference: NOD/SLS/001

The letter requested requested a planning obligation to be drawn up.

I wish to know whether such an obligation has been drawn up, and if so when it was received by the Scottish Government.

I also a request a copy of this planning obligation.

Yours sincerely

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 28 July 2016 14:28

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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I've checked the s75 against the terms of our Intentions notice and the required obligations. Both elements are duly covered. That is the s75 ensures that the operations under the existing consent will cease on commencement of the new consent and that there is a payment for wear and tear on roads caused by heavy machinery/lorries to and from the quarry.

So looks all to be in order.

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Sent: 28 July 2016 10:02

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Hi [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

HYNDFORD QUARRY, NEW LANARK

I have recently received the minute of agreement between Cemex and SLC – see attached. Jane and I have looked at it and are content.

I have drafted a decision letter granting formal consent to the southern extension of Hyndford Quarry.

I attach the link to DPEA's website where you can view the previous reports and Intentions letters.
<https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=114959&T=20>

I would be grateful if you could cast your eye over the agreement and draft decision letter and advise if there are any issues.

I am awaiting documentary evidence from [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] as to the registration/recording of the agreement. I also need to speak to private office and comms around any sensitivities/timing in issuing the final letter.

Thanks

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Sent: 21 September 2016 18:55

To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: DRAFT Hyndford decision letter

[Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

A discussed, grateful if you think this is developing along the right lines and for any comments before we put it to [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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Note: Individual communications are separated by a full line to separate discrete exchanges. Where email communications have attachments, these are appended, where appropriate, below the main text of the email, prefaced by **[attachment below]**

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Sent: 07 December 2015 09:09
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc. from DPEA reflecting parties' views on conditions

Thanks [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] I'm also content. This reminds me though that I received an e-mail from [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] which is a copy of material he sent to the Council I think and must make sure that is passed on.

John

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 03 December 2015 18:04
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: Chief Planner; [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: FW: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc. from DPEA reflecting parties' views on conditions

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Sent: 02 December 2015 15:40
To: Chief Planner; [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
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Sent: 17 November 2015 10:48

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Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc. from DPEA reflecting parties' views on conditions

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[Attachment – not part of exchanges]

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Sent: 08 February 2017 16:01

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Sent: 28 September 2016 07:14

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Subject: RE: Hyndford Quarry Application - DRAFT Decision Letter - For clearance

I'm content with the draft, thanks [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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John McNairney |Chief Planner | Planning & Architecture | Scottish Government

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From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 23 September 2016 16:04

To: Chief Planner; [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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[Redacted - Regulation 10(4)(e) - Internal communications – Free and frank exchange in relation to general decision-making]

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Subject: FW: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc. from DPEA reflecting parties' views on conditions

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Sent: 02 December 2015 15:40
To: Chief Planner [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc. from DPEA reflecting parties' views on conditions

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Sent: 17 November 2015 10:48

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 07 December 2015 13:55

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc.
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Will try and look at this point before Jane's return on Wed though.

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 03 December 2015 18:04

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: Chief Planner; [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 09 December 2015 09:20
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: A12743179-Hyndford Submission

Hi [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Hope you are well and that you don't feel too stranded!

[Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] has come back on legal obligation matters – you will see once you catch up.

There is also the FOI-EIR appeal matter too that [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] needs to know about.

Ta

[Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 09 December 2015 09:17
To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: A12743179-Hyndford Submission

Thanks [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]. I think “deferred” is fine too.

Hoping [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] comes back soon so we can get this up. There might be something further down my inbox. Will keep you posted.

From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 09 December 2015 09:08
To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: FW: A12743179-Hyndford Submission

The line about deferring the decision was a line previously given by [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]. It is no big deal either way but I am content with the decision being ‘deferred’.

That choice of words was used in the previous intentions letter.

Cheers

[Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 04 December 2015 16:16
To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: Chief Planner [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: A12743179-Hyndford Submission

A twiddle or two.

[Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

[Attachment – no attachment in this exchange]

From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 16 November 2016 16:15

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

Hi [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Thanks for your advice at our meeting in preparing the Hyndford decision letter.

Please see attached our latest draft (word doc) for your further comments and assistance.

S75 also attached (PDFs) so you can read the agreement in conjunction with the draft.

We have a related FOI-EIR case deadline which is looming and being optimistic here we would like to issue the decision letter before 28th Nov so if you have time to have a look at the draft this week that would be hugely helpful.

Many thanks.

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Subject: RE: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

<< File: NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry, Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter.docx >> Hi Norman << File: Acknowledgement - LAN54610.pdf >>
<< File: Acknowledgement - LAN56816.pdf >> << File: Acknowledgement - LAN106485.pdf >> << File: Fully signed amended s75 agreement.pdf >>

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Many thanks.

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[Attachment – Duplicate of documents noted previously (above)]

From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 24 November 2016 15:52

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: FW: FOR CHECKING - NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

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If you're content I will put it to SPADS/Comms and get on with LTT/Press lines, which I think is best prepared before putting it forward to Mr Stewart as a complete package

Will John want to see?
We can discuss tomorrow.

Thanks

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Sent: 23 November 2016 14:22

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: FOR CHECKING - NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

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I'm back next Wednesday, so if it's done around then, I can always check too.

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Thanks

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From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 23 November 2016 09:10
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: FOR CHECKING - NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

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I have drafted the submission seeking Ministers approval to issue the decision. I appreciate that you had a meeting with others in relation to Foi-Eir and others may have come back to you on this and the wider sensitivities.

However, in the meantime, hopefully you can build on my draft and add in the other relevant strands and sensitivities re timings around Foi-Eir implications etc.

Thanks

<< File: Hyndford submission - final - Mr Stewart Nov - 23 Nov.docx >> Lyndsey

From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 17 November 2016 13:01
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: FOR CHECKING - NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

That's great.

From: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 17 November 2016 12:59
To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: FOR CHECKING - NOD_SLS_001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - On-going working DRAFT Decisions Letter

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[Redacted – Not in scope]

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Sent: 14 November 2016 13:13

To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Cc: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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I would feel comfortable giving him this if we had issued the consent. On the other hand, it may not be a big issue as we may be able to just refer [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data] to ROS. I intend to check this out later this week.

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I wish to know whether such an obligation has been drawn up, and if so when it was received by the Scottish Government.

I also a request a copy of this planning obligation.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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Sent: 09 December 2015 14:05

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Cc: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

Subject: RE: NOD-SLS-001 - Hyndford Quarry Lanark - Report - Follow-up report etc. from DPEA reflecting parties' views on conditions

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From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 16 December 2015 11:47
To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: Appeal - FoI/15/01208 - Planning permission - Hyndford Quarry, Lanark

Wonderful!

From: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Sent: 16 December 2015 11:24
To: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Cc: [Redacted – FoI Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]
Subject: RE: Appeal - FoI/15/01208 - Planning permission - Hyndford Quarry, Lanark

[Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

I'm content with this.

Thanks

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Sent: 16 December 2015 09:52

To: [Redacted – Fol Section 38(1)(b) – Personal data]

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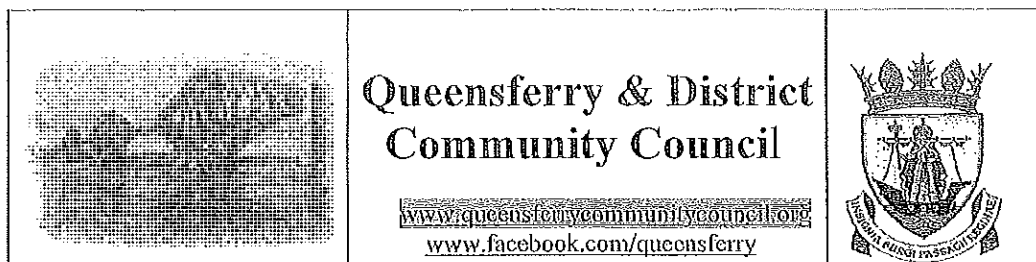
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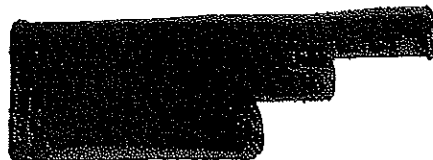
Rosie is content for our part that it is factual and in public domain. Jane – are you content with that too given your remit in case?

Thanks

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CELEBRATING 29 YEARS 1986-2015



The City of Edinburgh Council
City Chambers
High Street
Edinburgh

16th February 2015

Attention Of

Dear ??,

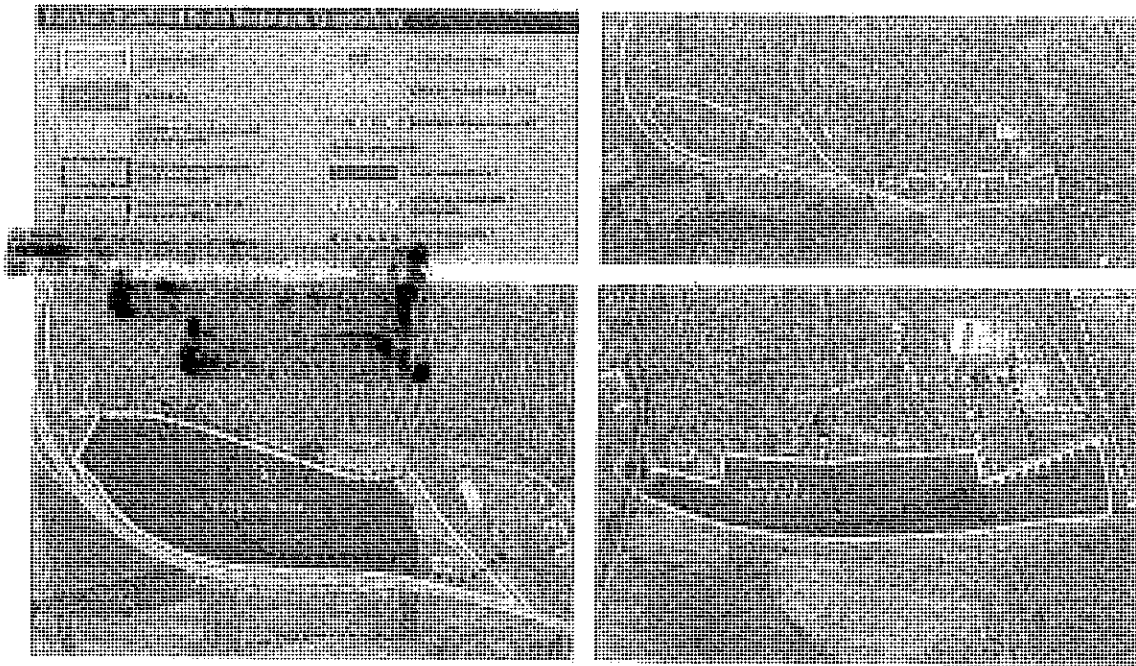
I am writing in my capacity as Planning Convenor on behalf of Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) to ensure our objections previously lodged about LDP 2 proposal are considered and presented to the CEC Planning Sub Committee later this month. QDCC wishes to ensure that our summary position is brought to the committee's attention being a moratorium on the LDP2 proposal for our town.

QDCC requests that The City of Edinburgh Council consider the decision made very carefully and for once listen to the views of the community. There is only so much that a small town and community can be asked to sustain and that the "ask" by CEC and the Scottish Government is too big an "ask"! QDCC respectfully suggests a moratorium on LDP2 plans for South Queensferry would be the correct decision for the community for the reasons stated below!!!

The proposal for South Queensferry

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QDCC Findings

The City of Edinburgh Local Development plans for South Queensferry were shared and the constituents of South Queensferry provided their views on these proposals. The development proposals once completed would increase the population c.1/3rd (33%) over the next c. 5- 15 years which would make South Queensferry one of the higher populated areas within City of Edinburgh and with this proportionally greater infrastructure expenditure potential.

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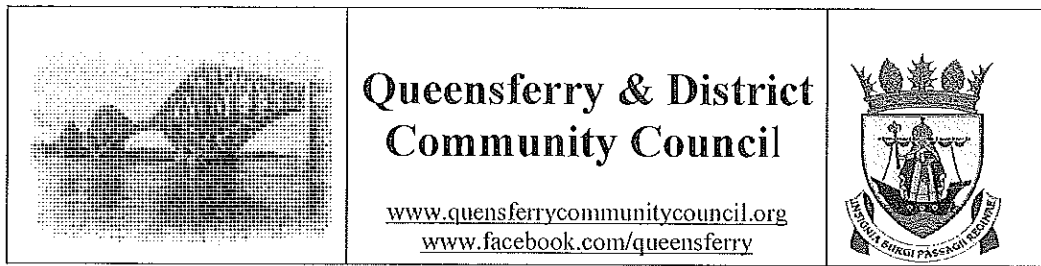
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I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours etc,

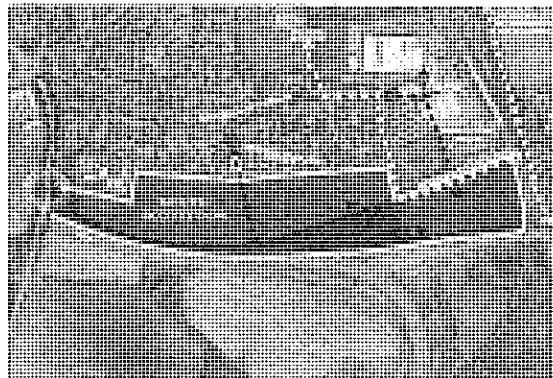
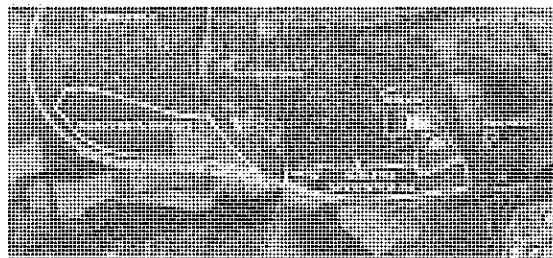
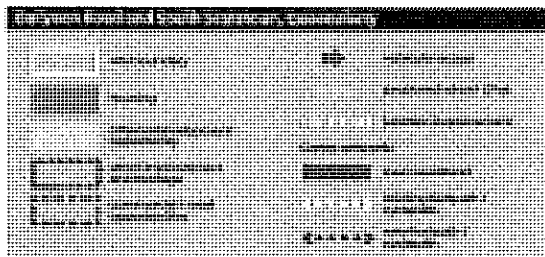


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City of Edinburgh Council's Second Proposed Local Development Plan QDCC Position Statement, February 2015

This statement is intended to raise awareness of the City of Edinburgh Council's Second Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP2) and its possible implications for Queensferry with the City of Edinburgh Councillors, stakeholders and decision makers. The plan was approved by City

of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Councillors on 19 June 2014 and goes before the planning committee for ratification late February 2015 prior to LDP2 being presented to the Scottish Ministers with the examination starting one month later.



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So we ask our political representatives to consider the decision they are about to make very carefully and for once listen to the views of the community. QDCC respectfully suggests a moratorium on LDP2 plans for South Queensferry would be the correct decision for the community!!!

Document 14: relates to Forth Bridge information and consists of information in scope from the following communications:

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Attachments supplied separately

Email	Document type	Attachment reference
giblett Sent:19 February 2015 21:50	Word Document	LDP2 Letter to stakeholders
giblett Sent:19 February 2015 21:50	PDF	News Release Edited

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 20 February 2015 10:02
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights; [redacted name]
[redacted name]
Cc: [redacted 3 names]
Subject: RE: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Good morning [redacted name] and [redacted name]

Please note the attached, sent by Keith Giblett to the Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group (on which I sit) last night. It is not clear from Mr Giblett's email whether QDCC has actually issued the news release (or to whom) but he does seem confident that there will be media interest.

Both the letter to the Council and the news release allude only briefly to the World Heritage nomination in terms of its potential impact on the town of South Queensferry. Neither document claims that the LDP process might impact upon the World Heritage nomination.

Nevertheless, in anticipation that Mr Giblett will raise this in his meeting with Mr Neil, I will be pulling together further briefing material from the nomination partners to address-

- the potential impact of the WH nomination on S Queensferry
- the potential impact of the LDP process on the WH nomination

Please advise when you would need this briefing by.

[redacted name]

[redacted name]

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From: [redacted name] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 17:13

To: [redacted 2 names]

Cc: [redacted 3 names]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted name]

Please find attached:

[redacted name]

[redacted name]

Assistant Private Secretary (Correspondence) to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

[redacted personal details], Victoria Quay

[redacted personal details]

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From: [redacted name]

Sent: 19 February 2015 12:17

To: [redacted name]

Cc: [redacted 3 names]

Subject: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted name]

Please see advice below. I have also attached the following:

- eRDM draft response letter (one declining the meeting and one accepting)
 - background advice document from Historic Environment Policy Unit
 - Correspondence trail - pdf
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Correspondence from Mr Giblett

- The Scottish Government has received several letters from Mr Giblett; one to Mr Mackay MSP and Mr Brown MSP (undated last year), one to Mr Brannen (Forth Bridges Forum - dated 28 October 2014) and a follow up email to Mr Brannen (9 February 2015).
 - From this correspondence it is evident that Mr Giblett (Chair of QDCC) is concerned about the potential impact of new housing allocations (coming through City of Edinburgh Council Second Proposed Plan) on South Queensferry and its infrastructure. In addition, he has concerns regarding the combined effect of housing and increased numbers of tourists (resulting from the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge) on the infrastructure of South Queensferry.
 - Mr Giblett feels that QDCC has had little success in influencing the planning decisions affecting South Queensferry and wants his letters to be brought to Ministers attention. A previous request to meet Ministers was declined in August 2014.
 - Mr Giblett makes specific reference to the development of housing on the former Corus Hotel site, which he says has the best views on the Forth Estuary of the three bridges.
 - One of the final concerns Mr Giblett raises is that he does not wish to see the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge being jeopardised.
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Background

- In the email from Mr Keir MSP, it is requested whether a Minister can meet QDCC to give encouragement that the application (for World Heritage status) is not being affected by the forthcoming Local Development Plan.
- Scottish Government Historic Environment Policy Unit (HEPU) have provided a background paper (see attached). Mr Giblett's letter of 28 October 2014 to Mr Brannen includes a suggestion that the Second Proposed Plan could jeopardise the nomination of the Forth Bridge for World Heritage inscription. HEPU perceive this risk to be negligible.
- The consultation stage for the Second Proposed Plan ended on 3 October 2014. The next stage is for representations to be reported to City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Planning Committee. This was meant to be reported to the Planning Committee in February 2015, however, recent reports have indicated that this may be extended. Once this is completed, the Council will submit the Plan for consideration through an Examination, which is an important procedural stage for the Local Development Plan.
- Scottish Ministers expect due process to be undertaken in relation to the preparation and review of Local Development Plans prior to their consideration at the adoption stage. This due process is not yet complete in relation to City of Edinburgh

Second Proposed Plan; the important stage of Development Plan Examination is yet to be undertaken.

Advice

- Mr Keir has requested whether a Minister can meet QDCC to give encouragement that the application (for World Heritage status) is not being affected by the forthcoming Local Development Plan. It is UNESCO who shall determine the application, therefore, Scottish Ministers are not in a position to provide commentary on this. Taking into account the stage of the Second Proposed Plan, allowing the statutory Development Plan process to be carried out is important, leaving the options for Ministerial intervention limited. On that basis, a face to face meeting may be of little value, other than to allow Mr Giblett to air his concerns directly to Mr Neil. We would advise that a meeting is not necessary. Please see draft letter.
- However, should Mr Neil wish to meet Mr Giblett along with Mr Keir and Councillor Norman Work (as Mr Keir requests), this should be on the basis that there is a clear understanding that Scottish Ministers expect due process to be undertaken in relation to the preparation and review of Local Development Plans prior to their consideration at the adoption stage and that this process is not yet complete in relation to City of Edinburgh Second Proposed Plan. Also, it would be on the basis that it is UNESCO who determine the applications for World Heritage nomination.

Regards

[redacted name]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted name]

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 15:55

To: [redacted name]

Subject: FW: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted name] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

Sent: 17 February 2015 15:46

To: [redacted 3 names]

]Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights; Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities; Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment; DG Communities; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs

Subject: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted 2 names]

Mr Neil would be grateful for urgent advice and draft letter in response to the attached email.

Grateful if you can provide for Thursday morning.

Thanks

[redacted name]

[attachment below]

From: [redacted name] [redacted email address]

Sent: 19 February 2015 21:50

To: [redacted 2 names] [redacted name]; [redacted 6 names]; [redacted 8 names] [redacted name]; [redacted 3 names]; [redacted 2 names]

Cc: [redacted 7 names]

Subject: QDCC's news release LDP2 and Matters that impact on South Queensferry

Attachments: LDP2 Letter to Stakeholders.doc; News Release Edited.pdf

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[redacted sentence –outside scope of request]

You are all aware that QDCC has grave concerns about the overall impact on the town from; World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge, [redacted paragraph –outside scope of request]

[redacted sentence – outside scope of request]

Regards, [redacted name]

[attachment 1.2 word document reference: LDP2 Letter to stakeholders]

[attachment 1.3 pdf reference: News Release Edited]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 05 March 2015 12:40

To: [redacted name]

Cc: [redacted 2 names]

Subject: Official Sensitive: Call in request - Housing development at Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry

[redacted name]

For info. Have you also seen recent media coverage that the LDP was not passed by Council at its recent meeting. This could cut across the information provided to ICOMOS so grateful for advice as to any action required.

Many thanks,

[redacted name]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 05 March 2015 10:29

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

Cc: Chief Planner; Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment; Communications Social Justice; [redacted 4 names]

Subject: Call in request - Housing development at Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry

[redacted name]

FOR INFORMATION

Request for call in of application for planning permission in principle for 125 houses, associated access and public green space, on land north of Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry (former Corus hotel site) - Planning and Architecture Division intend to reply that this is a local matter and does not raise issues of national importance that would merit ministerial intervention.

A letter from [redacted name] addressed to the First Minister has been received raising concerns about the above proposal. The application was recommended for approval by the City of Edinburgh Council in Dec 2014, subject to the conclusion of a legal agreement. As the legal agreement remains to be finalised, Ministers retain the opportunity to intervene should they wish to do so.

[redacted name] is active in community issues in the Queensferry area and raises similar issues to those of Colin Keir MSP and Mr Giblett, Chair of Queensferry and District Community Council who, I understand, the Cabinet Secretary has agreed to meet later this month. His wider concerns centre on the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge and for the potential of this being jeopardised by the latest local development plan for the area. More immediately, he has requested that Scottish Ministers intervene in the above application because, in his view, the site in question commands key views of the Forth estuary and, he contends, this would be lost if the development were to proceed.

In their assessment, City of Edinburgh Council addressed local concerns and considered that the impact of the proposal on transport, amenity, and landscape would be acceptable. They concluded that the application is supported by development plan policy, is acceptable in principle and that there are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion. Detailed matters, including design, layout, unit location and height will have to be considered as part of a further application for approval of matters specified in conditions.

We have considered the proposal and the request for call-in and concluded that the application is a local matter that raises no issues of national importance that would merit Ministerial intervention. It is our intention to advise [redacted name] accordingly but, given the Cabinet Secretary's meeting later this month, will await your confirmation that you are content with this proposed action.

[redacted name]'s correspondence and our assessment are also attached for your information.

Regards



[redacted name]

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Planning and Architecture Division

Directorate for Local Government and Communities

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[attachment 2 below]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 02 March 2015 12:26

To: [redacted name]

Cc: [redacted 2 names]

Subject: RE: MACCS - Request for call in

[redacted name]

I have considered the Ferrymuir Gait application and the request for call-in, and conclude that the application is a local matter that raises no issues of national importance that would merit Ministerial intervention. As discussed this recommendation should be put to the Cab Sec in lieu of his meeting to discuss the impacts of development on South Queensferry and its infrastructure.

Issue

- It appears the main concern is that the site in question commands key views of the Forth estuary that would be lost if the development were to go ahead.
- The Cab Sec has agreed to meet with the Chair of the Queensferry and District Community Council to hear their concerns relating to the perceived threat to the application for World Heritage status of the Forth Bridge due to indiscriminate building in the Queensferry area.

Assessment

- The application for planning permission in principle, for 125 dwellings and associated access and public green space, was recommended for approval in Dec 2014 subject to a legal agreement concerning developer contributions towards affordable housing, education and transport infrastructure.
- The site was previously occupied by the Coros hotel and only areas of hard standing remain.
- The application site is identified by the Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan as being within the Housing Allocation site HSG 5. In the Second Proposed Local Development Plan (June 2014), the site lies within the Urban Area of South Queensferry. Although the site is not identified as a housing proposal, Policy Hou1 supports housing on suitable sites within the urban area.

- The Council addresses local concerns in their assessment and consider that that the impact of the proposal on transport, amenity, landscape would be acceptable. Detailed matters including design, layout, unit location and height will have to be considered as part of a further application for approval of matters specified in conditions.
- The Council conclude that the application is supported by development plan policy and is acceptable in principle and that there are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion
- PAD recommend that is that this is a local matter that does not raise issues of national importance that would merit ministerial intervention.

[redacted name]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 23 February 2015 10:42

To: [redacted name]

Subject: MACCS - Request for call in

Hi [redacted name]

Attached is MACCS letter and subsequent follow-up that was addressed to CEC. At paragraph 3 he asks us to intervene in the application. The application number is 14/01509/PPP and the decision appears to be still pending.

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Sorry about the delay is asking you to look at this, but the MACCS deadline is tomorrow, so if you could have a swift look at by tomorrow afternoon that would fan daby dozie..



[redacted name]

Planning Decisions Division

Planning and Architecture Division

Directorate for Local Government and Communities

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www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 06 March 2015 09:41

To: [redacted name]

Cc: [redacted 2 names]

Subject: RE: Official Sensitive: Call in request - delayed LDP2 and Housing development at Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry

Thanks [redacted name], yes that was the article I was thinking of. Fine re no further action but worth noting that they will potentially pick up on this, and given CEC is a key partner. This issue may also be conflated with the wider world heritage stuff, so yes definitely one to watch, not least for maintaining the positive relationships as you say.

All the best,
[redacted name]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 06 March 2015 09:06
To: [redacted name]
Cc: [redacted 2 names]
Subject: RE: Official Sensitive: Call in request - delayed LDP2 and Housing development at Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry

Hello [redacted name],

Thank you for alerting me to the recent media coverage, which further emphasises the complexity of the issues involved with the LDP. The Edinburgh Evening News in particular (<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/politics/anger-as-council-vote-delayed-until-after-election-1-3693618>) shows that Queensferry is not the only part of City of Edinburgh that is unhappy with LDP2.

As for the nomination, we have not recently supplied ICOMOS with information specifically relating to LDP2, so I do not think any further action is required at this stage. Obviously, we need to monitor the situation, and hope that the planned meeting with the Cabinet Secretary is fruitful. As you know, we have worked well with the local community over the last few years and greatly appreciate its support, so we will do our best to maintain this positive relationship.

Thanks again,

[redacted name]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 19 March 2015 13:09
To: [redacted name]
Cc: Oglethorpe M (Miles)
Subject: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Dear [redacted name]

We discussed a short while ago. I am putting together briefing for this meeting (background docs attached) to cover the World Heirtage angles. It is also likely that I or my manager will provide support at the meeting itself. Despite the title of the meeting, it is primarily about the Local Development Plan and Planning colleagues are leading on supporting Mr Neil.

Nevertheless, Keith Giblett refers in his letters to potential additional strain on the South Queensferry infrastructure caused by the WH nomination / inscription. Your letter to Keith of 10 February mentioned the traffic management study, stating "...the Forum has promoted a traffic management study to determine the potential impacts on both North and South Queensferry should the World Heritage nomination prove successful and / or the Network Rail visitor attractions come to fruition. The study will also take cognisance of current known housing developments and will identify what traffic management measures could be required. This will inform discussion with City of Edinburgh Council in due course to consider how any measures can best be implemented".

For the briefing (and potential meeting support), I would appreciate further information on the traffic management study. In particular:

- What the specific remit is
- When is the study due to report
- Whom the work is being carried out by
- Whether Keith or other stakeholders have raised concerns about the study and, if so, what these concerns are (I seem to recall him querying the winter timing of the fieldwork, but cannot be sure)

I'd be really grateful if you could return material to me by 3pm on Monday. Given the short timescale, I don't need polished briefing material – just key facts / points. Feel free to send me existing documents if these cover the points.

I will chase up Miles re the Rebanks report.

Many thanks

[redacted name]

[redacted name] | Policy Manager

Historic Environment Policy Unit | Culture and Historic Environment Division | Scottish Government
[redacted personal details]

[attachment 1: [redacted name] email of 20 February 2015, 10:02]

[attachment 2.1 pdf reference: Letter - Corrupted unable to be retrieved]

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From: [redacted name]
Sent: 19 March 2015 14:04
To: [redacted name]
Subject: RE: RESPONSE : Forth Bridge nomination and LDP 2

Thanks [redacted name]

[redacted name]

[redacted name]

Special Projects: Forth Bridges

Transport Scotland | Buchanan House | 58 Port Dundas Road | Glasgow G4 0HF

[redacted line – personal information]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 19 March 2015 14:02
To: [redacted name]
Subject: RE: RESPONSE : Forth Bridge nomination and LDP 2

As discussed.

[redacted name]

[redacted name] | Policy Manager

Historic Environment Policy Unit | Culture and Historic Environment Division | Scottish Government
[redacted personal details]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 15:29
To: [redacted name]
Cc: [redacted 4 names]
Subject: RESPONSE : Forth Bridge nomination and LDP 2

Hi [redacted name]

Please find below a contribution form Special Projects regarding the Traffic Impact Assessment.

This has been cleared by [redacted name].

“CH2M HILL was commissioned by Transport Scotland, on behalf of the Forth Bridges Forum, to undertake a traffic management and parking study to investigate

the traffic impacts of promoting the three Forth Bridges (including the Queensferry Crossing which is currently under construction) as a visitor attraction.

The study required an initial exercise of liaison with the client group, together with other stakeholders, to identify and gather relevant development information and thereby confirm the scoping requirements, fundamental parameters and scale of assessment required. The stakeholders included: The City of Edinburgh Council; Fife Council; Network Rail and their advisors Atkins; Queensferry & District Community Council; North Queensferry Community Council; Visit Scotland; and the Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA).

The study included the investigation of traffic impacts based on consideration of the following scenarios:

1. World Heritage Site (WHS) status being granted;
2. World Heritage Site (WHS) status being granted plus a Visitor Centre and Attractions being developed at the Contact & Education Centre building (Traffic Scotland HQ and Queensferry Crossing Visitor Centre) adjacent to the FETA offices at the south end of the bridge; and
3. Scenarios one and two plus the development of the Network Rail proposals at the Forth Bridge.

The report from this study is yet to be finalised and issued by the consultant. However, we are expecting this to be completed within the next few weeks.

This report can only take cognisance of the planning applications that have already been granted for the South Queensferry area. However, we have asked the consultant to also include any proposed housing developments submitted for planning that are still being considered at present.

Initial findings show that there is very little impact on the local road infrastructure if the Forth Bridge is successfully inscribed as a World Heritage Site. Mr Giblett has met with, and had discussions with the ICOMOS inspector in October last year during the ICOMOS Inspection visit. The ICOMOS recommendation report to UNESCO is due to be published in May 2015 and the ICOMOS Committee meeting is taking place from 29th June until 8th July 2015, when the decision on World Heritage inscription will be made.”

[redacted name]

[redacted name]

Special Projects: Forth Bridges

Transport Scotland | Buchanan House | 58 Port Dundas Road | Glasgow G4 0HF

[redacted line – personal information]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 18 February 2015 10:23

To: [redacted name]
Cc: [redacted 3 names]
Subject: FW: Forth Bridge nomination and LDP 2
Importance: High

[redacted name]
CC [redacted 3 name]

Please see attached.

Please can you assist [redacted name] or [redacted name] with details of the traffic management study (to enable them to get a timely response today). I note you are working from home, so please let me know this this is not possible. I too am out of the office...

I am not aware of any suggestion by Keith Giblett – or anyone else on the WHNSG – in taking complaints to UNESCO. Keith is aware of course of the actions of HONQ in corresponding with UNESCO and their meeting with ICOMOS.

[redacted name]
[redacted line – personal information]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 17 February 2015 18:09
To: [redacted name]
Cc: [redacted 3 names]
Subject: Forth Bridge nomination and LDP 2
Importance: High

[redacted name]

Mr Neil's Private Office needs a draft reply and advice on the attached correspondence and meeting request by close of business tomorrow (Weds). This is being led by colleagues in Planning and Architecture but I will be providing a contribution tomorrow to cover the World Heritage nomination angle.

I'm conscious that time is tight, so could we speak in the morning, please? Two things I'd appreciate advice on:

- Keith Giblett refers in his letters to additional strain in the infrastructure caused by the WH nomination / inscription. [redacted name] most recent letter refers to a traffic management study in S Queensferry. Info about this would be appreciated.
- In the closing paragraph of his 28 October letter to Roy Brannen, Keith Giblett implies that LDP2 places the WH nomination at risk. I'm maybe reading too much into that but have a concern that he might contact UNESCO if he feels that the Community Council's concerns about LDP2 are not going to be

listened to by CEC or by Ministers. Has that ever been raised by Keith as a possibility?

Last thing I should add is that I think this correspondence underlines the importance of maintaining a joined-up approach to WH comms and handling over the next few months. You're no doubt aware of ongoing issues in New Lanark and Edinburgh and, while neither should in theory have any bearing on the outcome of the FB nomination, I'm keen that we remain as front-footed as possible in identifying things that could lead to public conflation of these issues with the nomination.

[redacted name]

[redacted name] [Policy Manager](#)

Historic Environment Policy Unit | Culture and Historic Environment Division | Scottish Government
Area 2H North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ
[redacted personal details]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 16:36

To: [redacted name]

Subject: Emailing: S20150006128 - MCU correspondence Keith Giblett

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[REDACTED]
Queensferry & District Community Council
[REDACTED]

Our ref:
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Date:
10 February 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email of 9 February 2015 and your letter of 28 October 2014 to Roy Brannen as Chair of the Forth Bridges Forum. Your letter was discussed at the Forum meeting on 26 November 2014 and as the official with secretariat responsibility I am responding on their behalf. I apologise for not having done so in a more timeous manner.

Within your letter, you raise concerns on behalf of Queensferry District Community Council (QDCC) relating to the lack of consideration being given to the imposition of housing developments on South Queensferry and the potential impact on the town's infrastructure from tourism arising from the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge.

The response in August 2014 to your previous letter contained a detailed explanation of the development plan process, noted the invitation for Ministers to meet with the Community Council was untimely and encouraged you to continue your engagement with City of Edinburgh Council. I am sorry to hear you are unhappy with that response.

The main purpose of the Forth Bridges Forum is to ensure that local stakeholders' interests remain at the core of the management and maintenance of the Forth bridges. FETA will be dissolved on 1 June 2015 at which point AMEY will take responsibility for the Forth Road Bridge.

In addition, the Forum provides a mechanism for the collective promotion of the Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC), Forth Road Bridge (FRB) and Forth Bridge.

To this end the Forum has promoted a traffic management study to determine the potential impacts on both North and South Queensferry should the World Heritage nomination prove successful and/or the Network Rail visitor attractions come to fruition. The study will also take cognisance of current known housing developments and will identify what traffic management measures could be required. This will inform discussion with City of Edinburgh Council in due course to consider how any measures can best be implemented.



Consideration of planned housing developments in South Queensferry rests with City of Edinburgh Council and the Forth Bridges Forum has no remit to become involved.

In order that your concerns can be raised first hand you have asked that the Forum facilitate a meeting between the Community Council and Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities. The Cabinet Secretary with portfolio responsibility for planning and housing is Alex Neil MSP, supported by Marco Biagi MSP, the Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment. Your request has been passed to their offices for consideration and a response will be issued in due course.

Whilst we are unable to directly assist in your housing concerns, your participation and support in the World Heritage Nomination sub-group remains a valuable asset and I hope you continue to be involved.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

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From: giblett [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 February 2015 17:00
To: Brannen R (Roy)
Cc: [REDACTED] 'TERENCE AIRLIE'
Subject: Request from QDCC
Attachments: Roy Brannen TS.doc

Importance: High

Dear Mr Brannen,

I wrote to you on the 28th October 2014, in your capacity as Convenor of the Forth Bridges Forum, copy of letter attached, raising concerns on behalf of Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) about the communities concerns from impacts on the town from World Heritage Inscription for the Forth Bridge, the Opening of the New Queensferry Crossing, and the LDP proposals coming forward from The City of Edinburgh Council for an additional 1500 homes planned for South Queensferry. I have held off from expecting a reply from you due to the ministerial changes within the Scottish Government but I now think it's reasonable to expect to receive a reply to our concerns. We believe there is only so much that a town should be subjected too and that South Queensferry is being over burdened with development and changes.

In regards to getting a satisfactory response to the points made I had written to the Ministers Keith Brown and Derek Mackay. I did receive an acknowledgement but not a satisfactory reply.

To this end QDCC is seeking a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities Keith Brown and ask if you could facilitate such a meeting in your capacity as Convenor of the Forum set up by the Scottish Government, so that we can raise our concerns with the Minister first hand.

I look forward to receiving a positive reply.

Kind regards,

Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC

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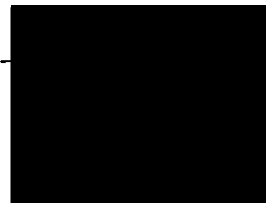
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Mr Roy Brannen
Chair,
Forth Bridges Forum
Transport Scotland



For the attention of Mr Roy Brannen, Chair Forth Bridges Forum

Dear Mr Brannen,

Potential impacts from Local Development Plan (LDP2) revision by The City of Edinburgh Council on South Queensferry and World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge

I am writing on behalf of Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) to bring to your attention the concerns of the community of South Queensferry from the potential impact on the town from the decision that could be taken by The City of Edinburgh Council to include an additional 1500 homes in the revised Local Development Plan, LDP 2, compounded by World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge.

You are fully aware of the hard work that has been put in by members of the Forth Bridges Steering Group under Alastair Fyfe's stewardship during the last 18 months and the more recent positive outcome from the evaluation assessment by UNESCO.

To date QDCC has fully supported the work of applying for Nomination for World Heritage Status for the Forth Bridge.

Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) does not directly oppose considered and measured housing developments which can bring benefits to the town of South Queensferry.

What QDCC does oppose is indiscriminate housing developments which are ill considered and have little or no benefit to the community or surrounding area.

What South Queensferry needs within the LDP is a strategic economic development plan for measured development which considers the needs of a rural town. Further QDCC is very concerned about the impact on the town's infrastructure from tourism from World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge. In fact the town is already witnessing an increase of visitors viewing the works of the new Queensferry Crossing. So what is essential to the successful delivery of World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge is the implementation of the strategy outcomes and deliverables from the The Forth Bridges Forum, Steering Group and Tourism Group.

In my capacity as a QDCC representative sitting on the WHSG then I feel we have just began to make a little progress by forming a local infrastructure group: looking at transport issues, car parking and roads maintenance with CEC officers. When, along comes an LDP2 proposal which has knocked us further back, than before we began.

South Queensferry is a distinct and separate town within the Edinburgh area and should be treated in the LDP as such and not simply just as a location for placing of overspill housing with little or no thought for developing the economy of the town.

There is no considered plan for the growth of South Queensferry as a town. There is no joined up thinking about how we can cope and deal with the impacts from the 900 homes presently on account, yet to be built, the new Queensferry Crossing and from World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge. Further that the homes being built in Kirkliston are placing additional burdens on Queensferry's infrastructure; the primary schools, to some degree the High School and health care provision.

The reality is that unless someone takes the initiative and raises this matter with the Scottish Ministers and brings it to their attention then the vision to have the Forth Bridges and the surrounding locus as a tourist attraction could be scuppered before we begin. On behalf of QDCC I have written to the Scottish Ministers Keith Brown and Derek Mackay to get a non reply from a government planning official, effectively a sign off, acknowledging my letter. I don't believe my letter has been brought to either minister's attention.

The position taken by The City of Edinburgh Council Planning so far is to state that they need to find land for an additional 8000 homes in West Edinburgh and that South Queensferry must take its share. That it's the Scottish Government that is imposing the housing figures on CEC. So far QDCC has been unable to influence little change to this stance. It's a matter of fact that the Planning Committee has approved the LDP2 plans and the slight chance of reversing this decision is when the plans go before the LDP2 review by CEC Planning, before going to Reporter.

I think its quite an unfair situation that is being imposed on the town of South Queensferry as we are taking our share of the burdens for Scotland as a whole, from the works of the new Forth crossing, Forth Bridge World Heritage nomination and the 900 homes on account.

For nearly 30 years QDCC has been representing the views of our community with limited success in influencing planning decisions, taken on our behalf by others, and imposed upon our town.

To say we are frustrated by the planning process is an understatement as the decisions are taken in isolation and the wider impacts are seldom considered. We feel that the proposal from LDP2 is ill thought out, don't take cognisance from matters arising from the building of Queensferry Crossing, nor World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge. When you raise the question about the collective impacts then few of the CEC decision makers want to listen stating that these matters are for another agenda.

As an example of this it is likely that The City of Edinburgh Council will allow the building of 120 homes on a site adjacent to the FETA car park (former Corus Hotel site) that has the best views on the Forth Estuary of the three bridges. Looking to the future, QDCC contests that this location is required to cater for visitors and it is surely desirable that some retail outlets, a hotel and hostelry support a Forth Bridges Visitor Centre. QDCC approached The City of Edinburgh Council Economic Development looking for some support for our ideas to be told that the location hasn't a unique selling point. We couldn't believe what we were being told. Bedroom space is at a premium in South Queensferry and Edinburgh, you just have to look at the success of local businesses such as the Orocco Pier and the Dakota Hotel. (The Planning Committee had a site visit recently and they didn't even know about the CEC, its purpose, nor about the potential for a visitors centre, so what chance do we have)

So I am writing to you in the hope that you will raise these concerns with Government Ministers before it is too late as QDCC doesn't wish to see the prospect of World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge jeopardised. The prospect of LDP2 is the "elephant in the room" which puts the work done so far at serious risk! The City of Edinburgh Council seems to be unable to see the problems or the potential risks. QDCC contests that the LDP2 proposal should be set aside for several years until we hopefully see some improvements to the town's infrastructure, give the town a chance to adjust to the changes brought about from the new Queensferry Crossing and adapt to accommodating the tourists from World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge.

Yours faithfully,



Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC

CC. Alastair Fyfe

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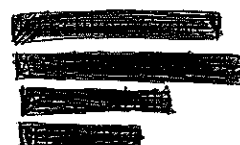
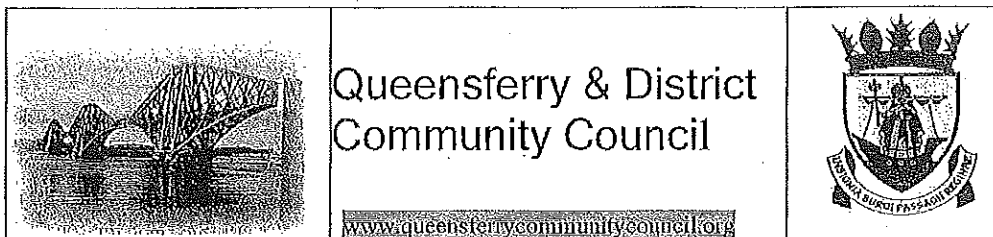
Thank you for the letter from Queensferry and District Community Council to the Ministers for Local Government and Planning, and Transport and Veterans. As the official within Planning and Architecture Division with responsibility for development plans, I am responding on their behalf.

It would be untimely for Ministers to meet with the Community Council as the Local Development Plan is the subject of a consultation by the planning authority. The primary responsibility for the operation of the development planning system lies with local planning authorities, and in this instance City of Edinburgh Council. You will probably be aware that the Council is currently consulting on the second Proposed Plan for the area. The consultation began on 22 August and runs to 3 October 2014. The consultation period is an opportunity for communities to put their views to the Council. City of Edinburgh are holding drop-in sessions across the local authority area and have provided a form for making representations, which is available on-line at the link below.

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20164/proposed-local-development-plan/1050/second-local-development-plan>

Your letter asks if a way can be found to fund a strategic development plan for Queensferry. Strategic Development Plans (SDP) and Local Development Plans (LDP) are distinct within the planning system. SDPs set out the long term (up-to 20 years) development of a city region area and deal with regional-wide issues that cross local authority boundaries. For the Edinburgh city region, this is the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan (SESplan). LDPs cover local authority areas and are expected to cover a 10 year period. LDPs contain policies, which will guide decision making on planning applications, and include proposals for the development of places and use of land within the planning authority area. LDPs are therefore the appropriate means by which to consider what development is





The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP

For the attention of Mr Derek Mackay MSP Minister for Local Government and Planning & Mr Keith Brown MSP Minister for Transport and Veterans

Dear Ministers,

Potential impacts from Local Development Plan (LDP2) revision by The City of Edinburgh Council on South Queensferry and World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge.

I am writing on behalf of Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) to bring to your attention the concerns of the community of South Queensferry from the potential impact on the town from the decision that could be taken by The City of Edinburgh Council to include an additional 1000 homes in the revised Local Development Plan, LDP 2 and World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge.

Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) does not directly oppose considered and measured housing developments which can bring benefits to the town of South Queensferry. To date we have fully supported the work of applying for Nomination for World Heritage Status for the Forth Bridge.

What QDCC does oppose is indiscriminate housing developments which are ill considered and have little or no benefit to the community or surrounding area. Whilst the LDP might meet the needs of the urban capital city of Edinburgh then it certainly doesn't meet the needs of South Queensferry. What South Queensferry needs within the LDP is a strategic economic development plan for measured development which considers the needs of a rural town. Further QDCC is very concerned about the impact on the town's infrastructure from tourism from World

appropriate for particular places, having regard to their physical, economic, social, historic and environmental characteristics.

I note from your letter that the Community Council have engaged with City of Edinburgh Council in the past and would encourage you to continue to do so, to make your views known during the consultation period on the second Proposed Plan.

Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge. In fact the town is already witnessing an increase of visitors viewing the works of the new Queensferry Crossing.

South Queensferry is a distinct and separate town within the Edinburgh area and should be treated in the LDP as such and not simply just as a location for placing of overspill housing with little or no thought for developing the economy of the town.

There is no considered plan for the growth of South Queensferry as a town. The principles stated for the LDP assessment criteria used to support regeneration; to have good accessibility to public transport and good infrastructure capacity for the locations would deem the sites proposed in the LDP for South Queensferry as unsuitable. To put this into context the population of Queensferry would be similar to that of St Andrews! But without the infrastructure and jobs.

South Queensferry's infrastructure is already under pressure from the potential additional 800 homes held on account which will seriously stretch the infrastructure to breaking point where South Queensferry is just not able to cope. The homes being built in Kirkliston are placing additional burdens on Queensferry's infrastructure such as the primary schools, to some degree the High School and with health care provision.

Further with the prospect of Nomination for The Forth Bridge for inclusion in the World Heritage Status and the impacts from additional visitors and tourists then again the town's infrastructure is under pressure. Presently we are witnessing an increase in visitors viewing the building of the Queensferry Crossing which is causing road congestion and parking problems. The prospect of finding solutions to these matters are constrained by the lack of funding and little joined up thinking by government agencies and the local authority who seem to work in their own silos. It is with some regret that I say I am not inspired with the work that has been done to date by the World Heritage Steering Group and how little has been achieved other than producing the nomination document.

For nearly 30 years QDCC has been representing the views of our community with very limited success in influencing planning decisions, taken on our behalf by others, and imposed upon our town. To say we are frustrated by the planning process is an understatement as the decisions are taken in isolation and the wider impacts are seldom considered.

As an example of this it is likely that The City of Edinburgh Council will allow the building of 120 homes on a site adjacent to the FETA car park (former Corus Hotel site) that has the best views on the Forth Estuary of the three bridges. Looking to the future, QDCC contests that this location is required to cater for visitors and it is surely desirable that some retail outlets, a hotel and hostelry support a Forth Bridges Visitor Centre. QDCC approached The City of Edinburgh Council Economic Development looking for some support for our ideas to be told that the location hasn't a unique selling point. We couldn't believe what we were being told. Bedroom space is at a premium in South Queensferry and you just have to look at the success of local businesses such as the Orocco Pier and the Dakota Hotel.

I am writing to appeal to you both in your capacity as Ministers responsible for Planning and Transport to see if a way can be found to fund a strategic development plan for our town.

Further we appreciate that you cannot get involved directly with live planning applications but QDCC is very concerned at the prospect of this site being lost to housing to the detriment of the town and the future needs for visitors and tourists. We have made representations to CEC Planning that this plan is premature and opine that the developer is taking advantage of a loophole in the planning system, applying for permission under the old WERLP which technically is still applicable. Had the new City Wide plan which is not yet adopted been in place then the developer would likely have had to include some retail. From our experiences dealing with CEC Planning then our expectation is to yet again be ignored. It is therefore incumbent upon QDCC to bring this matter to your attention. If the Scottish Government were to consider some involvement might it not be possible to negotiate an alternative development outcome with the developer.

You will likely be aware that I am a member of the World Heritage Steering Group and I have tried my utmost to have this matter debated at the steering group meetings. I regret to report that I found there was no appetite to do so, being told that TS cannot get involved in planning or development matters being a transport authority.

More recently Queensferry Ambition (BID's) supported with funding from the Scottish Government undertook a charrette for the west side of the High Street of the town. It was a resounding success. Sixty three improvements were identified alone, predominantly around core pathways, improved pavements and pedestrian mobility around this location.

Being a member of the World Heritage Steering Group (WHSG) I made the forum aware of the success of this project and suggested that the Nomination for The Forth Bridge for inclusion in the World Heritage Status determines that we should be carrying out a charrette for the whole town but again I am informed that this falls outside the TS remit. So once again it appears whilst there is opportunity there is no will. So the question arises who is responsible and accountable?

So I am writing to you to ask if you would be willing to meet with members of QDCC to get a better understanding of our concerns, maybe explore some ideas about how we can work up a long term strategic plan for our town before planners and developers are allowed to ruin the historic town of South Queensferry.

Yours faithfully,



Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC

CC. Colin Kier MSP

Document 15: relates to Forth Bridge information and consists of information in scope from the following communications:

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Attachments supplied separately

Email	Document type	Attachment reference
[redacted name] Sent: 19 March 2015 15:56	Word Document	LDP2 Letter to stakeholders
[redacted name] Sent: 19 March 2015 15:56	PDF	News Release Edited
[redacted name] Sent: 20 March 2015 16:37	PDF	Mr Giblett correspondence chain

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 19 March 2015 15:56
To: [redacted name]
Cc: HS Chief Executive
Subject: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Hello [redacted name]

(HS CE office for info only)

I have been pulling together briefing for this meeting, using material that you sent me in February. You may note that I have copied you into a request that I have sent [redacted name] for info about the traffic impact study. I'd also appreciate a bit of information from you, please, in relation to work [redacted name] did.

You will remember that this meeting has been set up at the request of Keith Giblett, who has voiced concerns over the cumulative impact of the Queensferry Crossing, potential housing allocations (under LDP) and World Heritage inscription. I recall that Mr Giblett has often referred to the Rebanks report in steering group meetings. Although I have managed to locate a copy of the report (http://www.forth-bridges.co.uk/images/forth_bridges_forum/documents/Rebanks%20Forth%20Bridge%20Benefits%20Report%20-%20FINAL%202013.pdf) I am not familiar with it and I need to understand whether there is material in the report that Mr Giblett could quote to support the idea that inscription will have an impact on South Queensferry.

Could you please advise on any key points raised by the report (such as an expected increase in visitor numbers or increased strain on infrastructure) that might be contentious in this respect? I cannot find any specific evidence in the report that an increase in visitor numbers will happen solely as a result of WH inscription. However, there are a few statements to suggest that it is likely. Is my understanding correct, or have specific figures been quoted in the past?

Also, Rebanks makes significant play in the report of existing traffic, visitor and infrastructure issues and suggests that WH inscription could act as a catalyst for the creation of an integrated masterplan to address these. Has this been discussed either at FBF or at the Steering Group and if so, can you recall what the conclusion of any such discussion was?

Unfortunately, this briefing is due up on Tuesday and I'm going to be on leave tomorrow and on Tuesday itself. I'd be really grateful if you could return material to me by 3pm on Monday. Given the short timescale, I don't need polished briefing material – just key facts / points which I can insert into the briefing pack. Please feel free to send me existing documents if these cover the points.

Many thanks

[redacted name]

[redacted name] | Policy Manager

Historic Environment Policy Unit | Culture and Historic Environment Division | Scottish Government
Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

[redacted personal details]

[attachment 1 below]

Good morning [redacted name] and [redacted name]

Please note the attached, sent by Keith Giblett to the Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group (on which I sit) last night. It is not clear from Mr Giblett's email whether QDCC has actually issued the news release (or to whom) but he does seem confident that there will be media interest.

Both the letter to the Council and the news release allude only briefly to the World Heritage nomination in terms of its potential impact on the town of South Queensferry. Neither document claims that the LDP process might impact upon the World Heritage nomination.

Nevertheless, in anticipation that Mr Giblett will raise this in his meeting with Mr Neil, I will be pulling together further briefing material from the nomination partners to address-

- the potential impact of the WH nomination on S Queensferry
- the potential impact of the LDP process on the WH nomination

Please advise when you would need this briefing by.

[redacted name]

[redacted name] | Policy Manager

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From: [\[redacted name\]](#) On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 17:13
To: [\[redacted 2 names\]](#)
Cc: [\[redacted 3 names\]](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

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Please find attached:

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[\[redacted name\]](#) Assistant Private Secretary (Correspondence) to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights
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From: [\[redacted name\]](#)
Sent: 19 February 2015 12:17
To: [\[redacted name\]](#)
Cc: [\[redacted 3 names\]](#)
Subject: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[\[redacted name\]](#)

Please see advice below. I have also attached the following:

- eRDM draft response letter (one declining the meeting and one accepting)
- background advice document from Historic Environment Policy Unit
- Correspondence trail - pdf

Correspondence from Mr Giblett

- The Scottish Government has received several letters from Mr Giblett; one to Mr Mackay MSP and Mr Brown MSP (undated last year), one to Mr Brannen (Forth Bridges Forum - dated 28 October 2014) and a follow up email to Mr Brannen (9 February 2015).
- From this correspondence it is evident that Mr Giblett (Chair of QDCC) is concerned about the potential impact of new housing allocations (coming through City of Edinburgh Council Second Proposed Plan) on South Queensferry and its infrastructure. In addition, he has concerns regarding the combined effect of housing and increased numbers of tourists (resulting from the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge) on the infrastructure of South Queensferry.
- Mr Giblett feels that QDCC has had little success in influencing the planning decisions affecting South Queensferry and wants his letters to be brought to Ministers attention. A previous request to meet Ministers was declined in August 2014.
- Mr Giblett makes specific reference to the development of housing on the former Corus Hotel site, which he says has the best views on the Forth Estuary of the three bridges.
- One of the final concerns Mr Giblett raises is that he does not wish to see the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge being jeopardised.

Background

- In the email from Mr Keir MSP, it is requested whether a Minister can meet QDCC to give encouragement that the application (for World Heritage status) is not being affected by the forthcoming Local Development Plan.
- Scottish Government Historic Environment Policy Unit (HEPU) have provided a background paper (see attached). Mr Giblett's letter of 28 October 2014 to Mr Brannen includes a suggestion that the Second Proposed Plan could jeopardise the nomination of the Forth Bridge for World Heritage inscription. HEPU perceive this risk to be negligible.
- The consultation stage for the Second Proposed Plan ended on 3 October 2014. The next stage is for representations to be reported to City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) Planning Committee. This was meant to be reported to the Planning Committee in February 2015, however, recent reports have indicated that this may be extended. Once this is completed, the Council will submit the Plan for consideration through an Examination, which is an important procedural stage for the Local Development Plan.
- Scottish Ministers expect due process to be undertaken in relation to the preparation and review of Local Development Plans prior to their consideration at the adoption stage. This due process is not yet complete in relation to City of Edinburgh Second Proposed Plan; the important stage of Development Plan Examination is yet to be undertaken.

Advice

- Mr Keir has requested whether a Minister can meet QDCC to give encouragement that the application (for World Heritage status) is not being affected by the forthcoming Local Development Plan. It is UNESCO who shall determine the application, therefore, Scottish Ministers are not in a position to provide commentary on this. Taking into account the stage of the Second Proposed Plan, allowing the statutory Development Plan process to be carried out is important, leaving the options for Ministerial intervention limited. On that basis, a face to face meeting may be of little value, other than to allow Mr Giblett to air his concerns directly to Mr Neil. We would advise that a meeting is not necessary. Please see draft letter.
- However, should Mr Neil wish to meet Mr Giblett along with Mr Keir and Councillor Norman Work (as Mr Keir requests), this should be on the basis that there is a clear understanding that Scottish Ministers expect due process to be undertaken in relation to the preparation and review of Local Development Plans prior to their consideration at the adoption stage and that this process is not yet complete in relation to City of Edinburgh Second Proposed Plan. Also, it would be on the basis that it is UNESCO who determine the applications for World Heritage nomination.

Regards

[redacted name]

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted name] On Behalf Of Chief Planner

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 15:55

To: [redacted name]

Subject: FW: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted name] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

Sent: 17 February 2015 15:46

To: [redacted 3 names]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights; Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities; Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment; DG Communities; Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs
Subject: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted 2 names]

Mr Neil would be grateful for urgent advice and draft letter in response to the attached email.

Grateful if you can provide for Thursday morning.

Thanks

[redacted name]

[attachment 1.1 below]

From: [redacted name] [redacted email address]

Sent: 19 February 2015 21:50

To: [redacted 9 names]; [redacted 8 names]; [redacted 2 names]; [redacted 3 names];

Cc: [redacted 7 names]

Subject: QDCC's news release LDP2 and Matters that impact on South Queensferry

Attachments: LDP2 Letter to Stakeholders.doc; News Release Edited.pdf

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You are all aware that QDCC has grave concerns about the overall impact on the town from; World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge, [redacted paragraph – outside scope of request]

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Regards, [redacted name]

[attachment 1.2 word document reference: LDP2 Letter to stakeholders]

[attachment 1.3 pdf reference: News Release Edited]

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[redacted name] Assistant Private Secretary (Correspondence) to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

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To: [redacted name]
Cc: HS Chief Executive
Subject: RE: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted name]

Sorry – forgot to ask in previous – Planning colleagues are wanting official support at the meeting to cover World Heirtage angles. The meeting is on 31 March, 1715 – 1800 at the parliament.

[redacted name] and I have not had a chance to discuss attendance properly yet but it would be helpful to know if you would be available to provide support if necessary?

[redacted name]

[redacted name] I Policy Manager

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To: [redacted name]
Cc: HS Chief Executive
Subject: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

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[redacted name] (HS CE office for info only)

I have been pulling together briefing for this meeting, using material that you sent me in February. You may note that I have copied you into a request that I have sent [redacted name] for info about the traffic impact study. I'd also appreciate a bit of information from you, please, in relation to work [redacted name] did.

You will remember that this meeting has been set up at the request of Keith Giblett, who has voiced concerns over the cumulative impact of the Queensferry Crossing, potential housing allocations (under LDP) and World Heritage inscription. I recall that Mr Giblett has often referred to the Rebanks report in steering group meetings. Although I have managed to locate a copy of the report (<http://www.forth->

bridges.co.uk/images/forth_bridges_forum/documents/Rebanks%20Forth%20Bridge%20Benefits%20Report%20-%20FINAL%202013.pdf) I am not familiar with it and I need to understand whether there is material in the report that Mr Giblett could quote to support the idea that inscription will have an impact on South Queensferry.

Could you please advise on any key points raised by the report (such as an expected increase in visitor numbers or increased strain on infrastructure) that might be contentious in this respect? I cannot find any specific evidence in the report that an increase in visitor numbers will happen solely as a result of WH inscription. However, there are a few statements to suggest that it is likely. Is my understanding correct, or have specific figures been quoted in the past?

Also, [redacted name] makes significant play in the report of existing traffic, visitor and infrastructure issues and suggests that WH inscription could act as a catalyst for the creation of an integrated masterplan to address these. Has this been discussed either at FBF or at the Steering Group and if so, can you recall what the conclusion of any such discussion was?

Unfortunately, this briefing is due up on Tuesday and I'm going to be on leave tomorrow and on Tuesday itself. I'd be really grateful if you could return material to me by 3pm on Monday. Given the short timescale, I don't need polished briefing material – just key facts / points which I can insert into the briefing pack. Please feel free to send me existing documents if these cover the points.

Many thanks

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From: [redacted name]

Sent: 20 March 2015 08:43

To: [redacted name]

Subject: Fw: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

FYI

From: [redacted name]

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 06:09 PM GMT Standard Time

To: [redacted name]

Cc: HS Chief Executive

Subject: Re: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Hello [redacted name]

OK, I will get on to this tomorrow when I get back to the office. I'm fine for 31st (not far away earlier in afternoon at Holyrood Ed centre).

All the best,

[redacted name]

[email thread continues from: [redacted name] Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 03:55 already supplied elsewhere in this document]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 20 March 2015 15:50

To: [redacted name]

Cc: HS Chief Executive; [redacted name]

Subject: RE: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage

Status

Attachments: Rebanks Summary Briefing material for Forth Bridge.docx

Hello [redacted name],

I have taken a look at the Rebanks Report as you requested and produced a condensed document which I hope will be usable in the collation of a formal briefing. It's a little rushed, but should contain the basics. Happy to discuss and assist further if needed.

All the best,

[redacted name]

[email thread continues from: [redacted name] Sent: 19 March 2015 15:56 already supplied elsewhere in this document].

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20th March 2015

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From: [redacted name]
Sent: 20 March 2015 16:37
To: [redacted name]
Subject: RE: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett TBC (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted name]

I have attached the draft briefing which is due at 2pm next Tuesday.

I am out of the office on Mon am and may be at St Andrews house pm, however, if you could email over your contribution on Monday that would be ideal.
We can then agree the final document on Tues am prior to sending up.

Thanks

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 12 March 2015 11:15
To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights
Cc: [redacted 4 names]
Subject: Accepted: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett TBC (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status
When: 26 March 2015 17:15-18:00 (UTC) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.
Where: Room TBC, Parliament

Good morning

As discussed by telephone, the meeting is primarily about the local development plan rather than the World Heritage nomination. I'm happy to provide briefing and official support in relation to any World Heritage related issues but I think planning colleagues will expect to lead the official support for Mr Neil.

Therefore, please extend the meeting / briefing request to [redacted name] also.

Many thanks

[redacted name]

[redacted name] Policy Manager

[attachment below]

BRIEFING NOTE FOR ALEX NEIL, CABINET SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITIES AND PENSIONERS' RIGHTS

Colin Keir MSP, Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) & Councillor Norman Work (Almond Ward, CEC) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

31 March 2015

What does this stem from	<p>Was it a MACCS Case – if so what number? E-mail exchange? Conversation – if so with who? Please enclose any relevant papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This meeting is the result of a request by Colin Keir MSP (MACCS case 2015/0006792) for Mr Giblett (Chair of Queensferry & District Community Council) to meet with Mr Neil.• Mr Keir has requested that he and Councillor Norman Work (Almond Ward) attend the meeting.• Mr Giblett had also requested to meet with Scottish Ministers via MACCS case 2015/0006128.• Mr Giblett's concerns are centered around the implications of future housing development and impacts of the potential World Heritage nomination of the Forth Bridge, on the infrastructure and amenity of South Queensferry.• Mr Giblett also raises concerns over the World Heritage nomination being jeopardised as a result of the forthcoming LDP (which is the issue picked up by Colin Keir MSP).
Key Message	<p>What is the key message which the Minister needs to communicate at the meeting or during the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The planning system aims is to achieve the right development in the right place; it is not to allow development at any cost.• The Scottish Government is committed to a plan led system.• It is important that due process is carried out. The key stage of independent scrutiny (the Examination) for CEC LDP is yet to be undertaken.• Unresolved objections will be considered at the Examination stage.• We are concerned over the delay of Edinburgh's local development plan and wish to see it brought to a conclusion as soon as possible to enable a plan-led approach to development in the city.• In terms of site specific issues (i.e. former Corus Hotel site); this is a live planning application, therefore, it would not be appropriate to comment.• Local Development Plans are the basis of local decision making on local planning matters.• UNESCO's World Heritage Committee will make the decision on whether to inscribe the Forth Bridge as a World Heritage Site in July.• To date, none of the correspondence with ICOMOS suggests that the CEC LDP, nor Scotland's planning system in general, is a concern for ICOMOS.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We cannot predict the precise impact of World Heritage inscription on the amenity and infrastructure of South Queensferry. • Evidence from work undertaken in 2013 by James Rebanks, suggests that World Heritage inscription does not on its own lead to an automatic increase in visitor numbers. • Transport Scotland has commissioned a traffic impact assessment to better understand the potential impacts of promoting the three Forth Bridges as a tourism destination. The report of this study is due to be submitted to the Forth Bridges Forum soon.
Who	<p>Who will the Minister be meeting – or what is the make-up of the audience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Keir MSP • Mr Giblett (Chair of Queensferry & District Community Council) • Councillor Norman Work (Almond Ward, City of Edinburgh Council)
What	<p>What is this meeting or event about – does it follow-on from a previous meeting or event. What is the context of the meeting.</p> <p>What role will the Minister perform – ie giving a speech, chairing a meeting, answering questions or conducting a meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Neil's role will be to listen to concerns raised and confirm the position of Ministers in relation to the LDP and live planning application. • Mr Neil has accepted the meeting to discuss the perceived threat to the World Heritage nomination of the Forth Bridge as a result of development in South Queensferry. • Mr Giblett will also likely wish to discuss impacts of housing development on South Queensferry, as well as the new Queensferry crossing and potential impacts of an increase in tourism due to the potential World Heritage nomination. <p>The context of the meeting relates to several pieces of correspondence from Mr Giblett raising concerns and making certain requests as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over the potential impact of new housing allocations (which Mr Giblett identifies as 1500 homes coming through CEC Second Proposed Plan) and new housing from the surrounding area (e.g. Kirkliston) on South Queensferry and its infrastructure. • Concerns over the combined effect of future housing, increased numbers of tourists (resulting from the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge) and the new Queensferry Crossing on the infrastructure and amenity of South Queensferry. • Concerns over the development of 120 new homes on the former Corus Hotel site. Mr Giblett considers this site should be used to cater for visitors (retail/hotel etc) to support a Forth Bridges Visitor Centre. • Concerns that the World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge will be jeopardised (as a result of the forthcoming LDP). • Mr Giblett is seeking the preparation of a strategic development plan for South Queensferry and is seeking Scottish Ministers involvement in the former Corus Hotel site. • Mr Giblett also suggests a charrette be undertaken for the whole of South Queensferry (one was previously undertaken for the High Street which he believes was a success).

Additional information if speech being given	N/A
Why	<p>Why is the conference/meeting being held – what will it achieve and why is the Minister taking part.</p> <p>The meeting will give Mr Giblett and Mr Keir the opportunity to air their concerns regarding development in South Queensferry and the potential impacts on the World Heritage nomination application, directly to the Mr Neil.</p> <p>The meeting will allow Mr Neil to address their concerns and reinforce his expectations for, and role of, the planning system. It will also allow Mr Neil the opportunity to explain the role of the Scottish Ministers in the area of Development Planning and the importance of due process being carried out. Mr Neil will be able to set out the role of the Scottish Government in the application process for World Heritage nomination, including the role of Historic Scotland.</p> <p><u>We cannot give any commitments to Mr Keir and Mr Giblett in relation to potential development allocations resulting from the forthcoming CEC LDP (particularly in relation to South Queensferry), as the Examination has yet to be undertaken. In addition, we cannot give any commitments on the outcome of current or future planning applications in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest and because any such applications cannot be pre-judged.</u></p> <p>In addition, we should not make any commitments in relation to the decision of the World Heritage nomination as this decision is the responsibility of UNESCO.</p> <p>We should also avoid making any commitments about the potential impact of World Heritage inscription on the amenity and infrastructure of South Queensferry. This is currently unknown.</p>
Where	The meeting is being held at the Scottish Parliament (room tbc).
When	<p>31 March 2015</p> <p>17:15 – 18:00</p>
Dress code	N/A
Official(s) attending	<p>Robin Campbell (Planning & Architecture Division, Scottish Government) [REDACTED] Other PAD officials attending will be provided asap.</p> <p>Andrew Burke (Culture and Historic Environment Division, Scottish Government) [REDACTED]</p>

Media Handling	N/A
Annexes	<p>What is in the briefing pack:</p> <p><i>Amend annex listing as appropriate -</i></p> <p>Annex A: Summary page</p> <p>Annex B: Background information as appropriate</p>

ANNEX A

SUMMARY PAGE

Purpose of meeting:

- To discuss concerns raised regarding the perceived threat to the **World Heritage nomination of the Forth Bridge** as a result of future development in South Queensferry, from the forthcoming Local Development Plan.
- To discuss concerns raised around the implications of future housing development, increased tourism from the potential World Heritage inscription and the new Queensferry crossing, on the **infrastructure and amenity of South Queensferry**.

Key Issues / Lines to Take

Issue 1

- Concerns may be expressed about the potential impact of new housing allocations (which Mr Giblett identifies as 1500 homes coming through CEC Second Proposed Plan) and new housing from the surrounding area on South Queensferry and its infrastructure.

[redacted line – exempt]

[redacted paragraph – exempt]

Issue 2

- Concerns may be expressed about the combined effect of housing, an increase in tourist numbers (resulting from the World Heritage inscription) and the new Queensferry crossing on the infrastructure of South Queensferry.

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[redacted paragraph – exempt]

Issue 3

- Concerns may be expressed about the **development of 120 new homes on the former Corus Hotel site**. Mr Giblett states that this site has the best views on the Forth of the three bridges and advocates the use of the site for tourism purposes (retail / hotel etc, to support a Forth Bridges Visitor Centre). Mr Giblett is seeking Scottish Ministers 'involvement' in the former Corus Hotel site.

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Issue 4

- Concerns may be expressed that the **World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge will be jeopardised** (as a result of the forthcoming LDP).

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[redacted paragraph – exempt]

Issue 5

- Mr Giblett states that South Queensferry is a distinct and separate town within the Edinburgh area and as such seeks the **preparation of a strategic development plan for South Queensferry**.

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Issue 6

- Mr Giblett also suggests a **charrette** be undertaken for the whole of South Queensferry (one was previously undertaken for the High Street which he believes was a success).

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ANNEX B

Background to Meeting / Correspondence

The background to this meeting is that Mr Giblett has sent correspondence to both the Scottish Government and the Forth Bridges Forum raising a number of concerns.

The list of correspondence to date is as follows:

- 1) Letter from Mr Giblett to Scottish Ministers (approx. August 2014)
- 2) Response from Scottish Government (PAD) (August 2014)

- 3) Letter from Mr Giblett to Forth Bridges Forum (28 October 2014)
- 4) Email from Mr Giblett to Forth Bridges Forum (9 February 2015)
- 5) Letter from Transport Scotland – Forth Bridges Forum to Mr Giblett (10 February 2015)
- 6) MACCS case 2015/0006128 raised by Transport Scotland (10 February 2015).

The Cabinet Secretary has accepted the meeting to discuss the perceived threat to the World Heritage nomination of the Forth Road Bridge as a result of development in South Queensferry. However, although this is the issue which Colin Keir has requested be discussed, Mr Giblett's correspondence raises a wider range of issues. In particular, these relate to the impacts of housing development in and around South Queensferry as a result of the forthcoming CEC LDP, the new Queensferry crossing and potential impacts of an increase in tourism due to the potential World Heritage nomination.

Background to CEC Second Proposed Plan

CEC Second Proposed Plan was meant to be taken to the Council's Planning Committee on 26 Feb 2015. This has now be scheduled to be undertaken at the next Committee on 14 May 2015. Scottish Ministers are seeking timely and up-to-date Development Plans and officials have expressed concern about this delay.

Background to Ferrymuir development site (former Corus Hotel site)

- The application site is located within South Queensferry on the former site of the Corus Hotel. The site is currently vacant land and is largely covered with scrub vegetation following the demolition of the previous hotel.
- Planning permission in principle, for 125 dwellings of which 25% will be affordable housing and associated access and public green space, was recommended for approval in Dec 2014 subject to a legal agreement concerning developer contributions towards affordable housing, education and transport infrastructure.
- The application site is identified by the Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan as being within the Housing Allocation site HSG 5. Local Plan Policy H1 supports residential development on the site.
- The Council addresses local concerns in their assessment and consider that that the impact of the proposal on transport, amenity, landscape would be acceptable. Detailed matters including design, layout, unit location and height will have to be considered as part of a further application for approval of matters specified in conditions.
- The Council conclude that the application is supported by development plan policy and is acceptable in principle and that there are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion. There is no reference to the World Heritage Site proposal in the report.

Maccs correspondence

- [\[redacted name\]](#), who is active in community issues in the Queensferry area, has requested Scottish Ministers intervene in the above application because, in his

view, the site in question commands key views of the Forth estuary and, he contends, this would be lost if the development were to proceed.

- PAD have considered the proposal and the request for call-in and conclude that the application complies with the development plan and is a local matter that raises no issues of national importance that would merit Ministerial intervention. Mr Neil has been provided with this advice. It is our intention to advise Mr FitzGerald accordingly, if Mr Neil is content, following his meeting later this month.

Development Plan proposed housing sites in CEC Second Proposed Plan – June 2014

Reference : HSG 32

Name : Builyeon Road, Queensferry

Site Area: 41.5 hectares

Estimated total capacity: 700 – 980

Proposal for housing-led development on land to the south of Builyeon Road. Development must accord with the Builyeon Road Development Principles contained in the Queensferry South site brief.

Reference : HSG 33

Name : South Scotstoun, Queensferry

Site Area: 20 hectares

Estimated total capacity: 365 - 510

Proposal for housing development on land to the north of the A90. Development must accord with the South Scotstoun Development Principles contained in the Queensferry South site brief.

Background to World Heritage nomination process for the Forth Bridge

- The nomination of the Forth Bridge for World Heritage inscription was formally submitted to UNESCO in January 2014. ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites), who are one of the principal advisors to UNESCO, have been carrying out an evaluation of the nomination, including an evaluation visit to Scotland in October 2014. ICOMOS have also sought written clarification on a number of points about the nomination in recent months.
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UK Ambassador to UNESCO, who will be able to lobby UNESCO World Heritage Committee members ahead of the meeting in July. The UK Ambassador to UNESCO will also represent UK interests at the meeting itself, supported by DCMS, English Heritage, Historic Scotland and the UK National Commission for UNESCO.

Potential impact of CEC LDP on the World Heritage nomination

- Keith Giblett represents Queensferry and District Community Council (QDCC) on the Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group. Mr Giblett has been very supportive of the nomination and the World Heritage Nomination Steering Group is very grateful to him for his constant attendance at and positive contributions to the group meetings.
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affect the town if World Heritage status is not managed properly. In anticipation of inscription, the current Nomination Steering Group will therefore evolve and become much more focused on managing the impact of World Heritage listing. The Steering Group is in the process of working with the Forth Bridges Forum to determine how this will work in the future.

The Forth Bridges Forum

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Information supplied by Historic Scotland on research conducted by Rebanks Consulting Ltd into realising the potential benefits of World Heritage inscription

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[attachment 1 pdf reference: Mr Giblett correspondence chain]
[attachment 2 pdf reference: outside scope of request]

Sent: 23 March 2015 14:11
To: [redacted name]
Cc: [redacted name]
Subject: RE: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Hi [redacted name]

Please find attached the response to your request for a contribution.

Hope this helps.

Regards,

[redacted name]

[redacted name]

Special Projects: Forth Bridges

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[redacted line- personal information]

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 19 March 2015 13:09

To: [redacted name]

Cc: [redacted name]

Subject: Meeting between Mr Neil, Colin Keir MSP, Cllr Norman Work & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

<< Message: RE: URGENT: Forth Bridge World Heritage Status >> << Message: South Queensferry meeting with Colin Kerr >> << Message: RE: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status >>

Dear [redacted name]

We discussed a short while ago. I am putting together briefing for this meeting (background docs attached) to cover the World Heirtage angles. It is also likely that I or my manager will provide support at the meeting itself. Despite the title of the meeting, it is primarily about the Local Development Plan and Planning colleagues are leading on supporting Mr Neil.

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For the briefing (and potential meeting support), I would appreciate further information on the traffic management study. In particular:

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- When is the study due to report
- Whom the work is being carried out by
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I'd be really grateful if you could return material to me by 3pm on Monday. Given the short timescale, I don't need polished briefing material – just key facts / points. Feel free to send me existing documents if these cover the points.

I will chase up Miles re the Rebanks report.

Many thanks

[redacted name]

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To: [redacted name]
Cc: [redacted name]
Subject: RE: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett TBC (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

[redacted name]
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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 16:37
To: [redacted name]
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[redacted name]

<< File: QDCC Meeting - Draft Briefing Template.doc >>

-----Original Appointment-----

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 12 March 2015 11:15

To: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights

Cc: Campbell R (Robin); Simpson F (Fiona); Wormald L (Luke); Thomson C (Carrie)

Subject: Accepted: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett TBC (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

When: 26 March 2015 17:15-18:00 (UTC) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

Where: Room TBC, Parliament

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Cc: [redacted name]
Subject: RE: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett TBC (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Hi [redacted name]

As per email below, [redacted name] has incorporated text into the briefing paper. We just have to add a few final planning elements which I will do shortly. In the meantime, could you review and let me know if you are content from a World Heritage / historic environment perspective?

I have to send the briefing off before 2pm so if you could get back to me before 12 noon that would be ideal.

Thanks
[redacted name]

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Sent: 24 March 2015 12:02
To: [redacted 2 names]
Subject: RE: 1715-1800 Colin Keir MSP & Keith Giblett TBC (Chair, Queensferry District Council) - Forth Bridge World Heritage Status

Hi [redacted name],

As content as I will be, as you know I think there are risks here about processes being conflated or confused. That said the briefing makes it clear there isn't much that can be said on the inscription, and the meeting will need to reflect that. Some minor changes in the attached.

[redacted name]

[email thread follows on from From: [redacted name] Sent: 24 March 2015 10:01 already supplied in this document]

[attachment reference: BRIEFING NOTE FOR ALEX NEIL already supplied in this document].

Note of meeting between Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities, and Pensioners' Rights, and Queensferry & District Community Council, 31 March 2015

Present:

Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities, and Pensioners' Rights

Peter Creevy, Private Office
Colin Keir MSP (Edinburgh Western)
Councillor Norman Work (Almond Ward, City of Edinburgh Council)
Keith Gibblett, Chair, Q&DCC
Terry Airlie, Vice Chair and Correspondence Secretary, Q&DCC
John McNairney, Chief Planner
[redacted name], Culture and Historic Environment Division

Discussion centred around Q&DCC seeking SG support for a holistic strategic plan for the whole of the S Queensferry area. In discussion, Q&DCC expressed frustration at difficulties in persuading various public authorities to engage in a joined-up way, stating that:

- Q&DCC expects an increase in visitor numbers to the area in light of possible World Heritage inscription and Network Rail visitor centres proposal and the public interest in the Queensferry Crossing.
- Work by James Rebanks (commissioned by Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group) lends credibility to the Q&DCC argument that a strategic masterplan is required. Rebanks identified issues with infrastructure and made the case that these would need to be addressed, ideally through a masterplan, if the potential benefits of the World Heritage inscription were to be realised. Specific reference to traffic and visitor flows and infrastructure.
- Q&DCC wants better joined-up working among the various authorities. Cited issues with street furniture, bollards, public toilets – all symptomatic of pressure on services.
- There have been three traffic studies, but these have been for very specific purposes. Not joined-up and no attempt to look holistically.
- Existing proposals for housing also likely to impact.

Comment from around the table recognised the issues raised, while noting that they are not all strictly planning-related. Mr Neil concluded the discussion by saying that he would like to reconvene the same grouping after recess, extending to include CEC officials, with a view to developing a plan for how to address the issues raised. Mr Neil will chair. Mr Neil keen to include World Heritage / tourism dimension to the discussions. Mr Neil caveated that any discussion cannot pre-empt LDP. Mr Neil keen to keep grouping tight for time being – does not see need to extend to Transport Scotland, Network Rail or Historic Scotland at this stage.

Actions:

- Mr Neil to write to Sue Bruce
- SG Planning to contact CEC planning officials

[redacted name]

Culture and Historic Environment Division

From: Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs
Sent: 01 April 2015 07:43:34
To: Ministerial Correspondence Unit
Subject: FW: Royal High School, Edinburgh

MCU,

Can this go on the MACCS system as a MR please?

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Assistant Private Secretary (Correspondence)
Office of Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs
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From: [REDACTED]
[mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 31 March 2015 16:07
To: Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs
Subject: Royal High School, Edinburgh

Dear Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs,

I am writing to congratulate the Scottish Government for its part in the bid to designate the Forth Bridge as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. I sincerely hope this will be successful but in order to maximise this bid's chances I believe more needs to be done to safeguard and improve our existing UNESCO sites.

Concerns have been voiced by myself and many other people and organisations about development in or close to Edinburgh New/Old Town in my region. Recently the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland has raised serious concerns over the future use of the Council-owned Royal High School in Edinburgh. They have described this building to me as "Edinburgh's most important example of Greek revival architecture within the picturesque movement, reflected in its category A listing and inclusion in the World Heritage Site inscription by UNESCO".

Planning decisions are of course for local authorities in the first instance but will the Scottish Government strengthen planning policy and guidance to safeguard and improve our UNESCO sites? Will you commit to working with City of Edinburgh Council in the short term to ensure problems with the Edinburgh New/Old Town site are improved and the Forth Bridge bid has the best chances of success possible.

Yours sincerely

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Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs

Fiona Hyslop BPA/MSP

T/F: [redacted personal details]

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Ms Alison Johnstone MSP

The Scottish Parliament

EDINBURGH

EH99 1SP



Your ref/Ur faidhle:

Our ref/Ar faidhle: 2015/0012720

April 2015

Thank you for your email of 31 March. Like you, I am hopeful that the nomination of the Forth Bridge for World Heritage Listing will be successful. While I believe we have presented a compelling case for the Forth Bridge to become Scotland's sixth World Heritage Site (WHS), this is a decision for UNESCO's World Heritage Committee.

In reaching its decisions on World Heritage inscription, UNESCO invites its principal advisors, ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites) to undertake a thorough evaluation of the nomination. This focuses on the authenticity and integrity of the nominated property and in particular, the mechanisms in place that ensure its protection and management. As a routine part of this evaluation process, an ICOMOS expert visited Scotland in early October 2014 and the Scottish Government has also provided further written information on the Forth Bridge nomination in response to specific queries from ICOMOS.

I hope it is helpful to explain the next steps in the process. ICOMOS will publish its recommendation to UNESCO in May and only at this point we will become aware of ICOMOS's views on the nomination. The nomination team, led by Historic Scotland, is preparing for this publication to ensure that if any concerns are raised they can be addressed by the time that the World Heritage Committee meets in Bonn, from 28 June to 8 July.

As you rightly say, planning decisions are for local authorities in the first instance. While I thank you for raising your concerns about development in or close to the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh WHS, it would not be appropriate for me to comment on live planning cases such as the proposals for the former Royal High School. Historic Scotland is fully engaged in the pre-application process and will continue to have a formal role as the application progresses.

In relation to your broader concern about strengthening planning policy and guidance, you may be interested to know that Historic Scotland is considering the creation of guidance on managing World Heritage Sites as part of its Managing Change Guidance series:
<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/managingchange>

I hope that you will be reassured also that through Scottish Planning Policy (published 2014) and the Town and Country Planning (Neighbourhood Planning Authorities and Historic Environment) (Scotland) direction 2014, the Scottish Government has strengthened protections for World Heritage Sites. These ensure that where appropriate, Ministers have full oversight of planning cases that might affect a World Heritage Site.

Fiona Hyslop

Document 16: relates to Forth Bridge information and consists of information in scope from the following communications:

Note:

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Attachments supplied separately

Email	Document type	Attachment reference
[redacted name] Sent:13 April 2015 13:08	PDF	Traffic Impact Assessment
PS Minute for case: 2015/0012720	PDF	20150012720 email
PS Minute for case: 2015/0012720	PDF	20150012720 final reply

World Heritage Nomination Steering Group

Future Progression of the Steering Group

For Decision

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the group with an update on the role of the Forth Bridges Forum's World Heritage Nomination Steering Group (the Steering Group) and outline the requirements for the next stage of the World Heritage application.

Priority

2. Routine.

Decisions and/or actions required of the Steering Group

3. The Steering Group is invited to discuss the proposal and recommendations outlined in this paper.

Background

4. The Forth Bridges Forum (the Forum) is a Transport Scotland-led management Forum, established to ensure that local stakeholders' interests remain at the core of the management and maintenance of the Forth bridges. In addition, it provides a

mechanism for the collective promotion of the Queensferry Crossing, Forth Road Bridge and Forth Bridge.

5. The Steering Group, formed as a sub-group of the Forum, was established specifically to undertake Function Four of the Forum's remit, a copy is attached as **Annex D**, which is '*to support the Forth Bridge's application for World Heritage status*'.
6. As a condition of the application process for the Forth Bridge to become a World Heritage site, Network Rail (as site owners) were required to provide information on, and demonstrate effective delivery of, policies that aim to give the site a function in the life of the community. In addition, a management plan/strategy had to be put in place that involved stakeholders. The Steering Group assisted with the development of these requirements.
7. Once a World Heritage application is submitted to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the nomination process is such that the nominated site is independently evaluated, usually by two advisory bodies mandated by the World Heritage Convention: the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and/or the World Conservation Union (IUCN). These advisory bodies then provide the World Heritage Committee with evaluations of the cultural and natural sites nominated. There is also a third advisory body, the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), an intergovernmental organisation which provides the Committee with expert advice on conservation of cultural sites, as well as on training activities.
8. The full nomination dossier was submitted to UNESCO in January 2014, followed by an inspection visit of the property by Prof Cotte from ICOMOS in October 2014. Prof Cotte is due to submit his recommendation report to UNESCO during May 2015. The UNESCO Committee is due to meet in Bonn, Germany from 28th June – 8th July 2015. The decision on the Forth Bridge's application for World Heritage inscription will be made at the meeting.

Key Information the Steering Group will need to support its decisions

9. The World Heritage application has been submitted and the nominated property has been inspected. There are no other processes for the Steering Group to undertake. The Steering Group has therefore fulfilled its purpose and remit successfully. A copy of the Steering Group's Terms of reference is attached as **Annex E**.
10. If the Forth Bridge is inscribed as a World Heritage site, there will be a requirement for a supervisory/management team to progress the management plan and ensure that the conditions of World Heritage inscription are adhered to and maintained.

Proposal

11. It is proposed that the Forum now take steps to disband the Forth Bridges Forum's World Heritage Nomination Steering Group.

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications identified.

Risks Identified

13. There is no risk associated with this recommendation.

Equality & Diversity

14. Equality and diversity issues have been considered. There is no differential impact on the basis of any characteristics which may be associated with inequality or disadvantage.

Recommendations

15. It is the responsibility of the Forum to establish any necessary sub-groups and the following actions and proposals will hopefully be of assistance:
- A paper be submitted to the Forum to record that the purpose and remit of the Steering Group has been successfully completed and that the Steering Group be disbanded. A suggested draft paper is attached as **Annex B**
 - Confirmation of the actions still to be undertaken, which are as listed under Item No. **10 'Key Information'** within **Annex B**.
 - The attached suggested draft Terms of Reference for a supervisory/management team and its purpose, remit, key functions and suggested membership also be submitted to the Forum, attached as **Annex B**.
 - The Forth Bridges website is updated to reflect the completion of the Steering Group's purpose and remit and a new tab be created to accommodate any newly formed group.

[redacted name]

Transport Scotland – Special Projects Team
31 March 2015

Forth Bridges Forum

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3. The Forum is invited to record that the purpose and remit of the Steering Group has been successfully completed and that the Steering Group be disbanded with immediate effect, and consider the suggested proposal for a new sub-group to be formed if the Forth Bridge is successfully inscribed as a World Heritage Site.

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5. The full nomination dossier was submitted to UNESCO in January 2014, followed by an inspection visit of the property by Prof Cotte from ICOMOS in October 2014. Prof Cotte is due to submit his recommendation report to UNESCO during May 2015. The UNESCO Committee is due to meet in Bonn, Germany from 28th June – 8th July 2015. The decision on the Forth Bridge's application for World Heritage inscription will be made at the meeting.
6. Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd is the sole owner of the Forth Bridge and has full responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Forth Bridge.
7. Network Rail, Historic Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council and Fife Council have all committed to a Partnership Management Agreement¹ (PMA) which all parties agreed to and finalised in May 2014. The PMA runs for a period of five years.

¹ The purpose of the Partnership Management Agreement (PMA) is to help deliver a proportionate and consistent listed building consent (LBC) process by all parties as part of Network Rail's management of the Category A-listed Forth Bridge. The PMA sets out the works to the Forth Bridge that will require LBC and outline the processes that are to be followed. It will also state the type of works that can proceed without consent. The agreement also contains provisions to remove the requirement on both City of Edinburgh Council and Fife Council to notify or consult on certain types of LBC applications to Historic Scotland, acting on behalf of Scottish Ministers, or its successors when issuing consent. The agreements will also cover: Pier Lighthouse, East and West Battery Piers in North Queensferry and the viewing area under the north cantilever. These are also Category A-listed, within ownership of Network Rail and have been included as they form part of the same maintenance regime.

Key Information the Forum will need to support its decisions

8. The World Heritage application has been submitted and the nominated property has been inspected. There are no other functions for the Steering Group to undertake. The Steering Group has therefore fulfilled its purpose and remit successfully. A copy is attached as **Annex D**.
9. If the Forth Bridge is inscribed as a World Heritage site, there will be a requirement for a supervisory/management team to progress the management plan and ensure that the conditions of World Heritage inscription are adhered to and maintained.
10. Actions still to be undertaken post inscription are:
 - To be discussed and completed by the WHNSG:

Proposal

11. Following successful World Heritage inscription, it is suggested that Historic Scotland's World Heritage Co-ordinators take on the management of the World Heritage aspect of the Forth Bridge. *This arrangement would be reviewed in October 2015 when Historic Scotland will be amalgamated with RCAHMS to form a new Non Departmental Public Body (NDPB) and renamed as 'Historic Environment Scotland'.*
12. The purpose of the supervisory/management team would be to support and assist the progression of the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Plan and to ensure that the conditions of World Heritage are complied with.
13. It is suggested that this new supervisory/management team be known as the Forth Bridges Forum's World Heritage Compliance Group. This name would be consistent with the terms of its agreed purpose and remit and would distinguish it from other entities, like Network Rail, who manage and maintain the Forth Bridge and Historic Scotland's World Heritage Co-ordinators, who manage the World Heritage aspect of inscribed sites.
14. Membership of the new World Heritage Compliance Group (WHCG) could be similar to that of the current World Heritage Nomination Steering Group. A suggested membership list is outlined in the draft Terms of Reference in **Annex B**.
15. As Historic Scotland's World Heritage Co-ordinators would be adding the Forth Bridge to their portfolio of World Heritage Sites, it is therefore suggested that Historic Scotland chair the WHCG. Secretariat can be provided by Transport Scotland as it does for all Forum sub-groups.
16. This group would report to the Forth Bridges Forum on a quarterly basis. An organogram of the reporting structure is attached as **Annex C**.

Financial Implications

17. If the suggested proposal is agreed, the financial implications will be identical to that of the Steering Group i.e. catering at meetings, staff time, travel to meetings etc.

18. Funding would be required to update the Forth Bridges website if the recommendations are agreed as outlined. This could be funded from the current World Heritage budget.

Risks Identified

19. There is substantial reputational risk to the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, Network Rail and the Forth Bridges Forum if World Heritage is awarded and is then jeopardised due to conditions and processes not being managed and adhered to fully. As the Forth Bridge has not yet been inscribed, this risk has not been entered on any risk register.

Equality & Diversity

20. Equality and diversity issues have been considered. There is no differential impact on the basis of any characteristics which may be associated with inequality or disadvantage.

Recommendations

21. It is the responsibility of the Forum to establish any necessary sub-groups and the following recommendations will hopefully be of assistance to the Forum:
- The Forum record that, there are no other functions for the Steering Group to undertake and the Steering Group can now be disbanded with immediate effect.
 - The Forum consider forming a sub-group to support and assist the progression of the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Plan, to ensure that the conditions of World Heritage are complied with and to eliminate the risks identified.
 - The Forum to consider the attached suggested draft Terms of Reference for a supervisory/management team and its purpose, remit, key functions and suggested membership also be submitted to the Forum, attached as **Annex B**.
 - The Forth Bridges website is updated to reflect the completion of the Steering Group's purpose and remit and a new tab be created to accommodate a newly formed sub-group.
 - The Forth Bridges website is updated to reflect the completion of the Steering Group's purpose and remit and an additional tab inserted in the website front page to accommodate the World Heritage Compliance Group.

[redacted name]

Transport Scotland – Special Projects Team

31 March 2015

FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE COMPLIANCE GROUP

Draft Terms of Reference – subject to successful inscription

Purpose: The Forth Bridge World Heritage Compliance Group (the Compliance Group) has been established by the Forum to assist Historic Scotland and the World Heritage Coordinators to ensure that all conditions of the Forth Bridge's World Heritage Status are complied with.

Membership: The core members of the Compliance Group are one or two representatives from the following organisations:

Historic Scotland (Chair)
 Transport Scotland (Secretariat)
 Network Rail
 Transport Scotland
 City of Edinburgh Council
 Fife Council
 West Lothian Council
 VisitScotland

The Compliance Group also includes a representative from:

Queensferry Ambition, Queensferry & District Community Council, North Queensferry Community Council and North Queensferry Heritage Trust.

Additional bodies may be invited to join the Compliance Group dependent on specific work streams which are to be discussed and progressed.

Accountability: The Compliance Group reports to the Forth Bridges Forum.

Administration: Historic Scotland chair and Transport Scotland provide secretariat for the Compliance Group. The Compliance Group meet on a monthly/bi-monthly basis for the first number of X months. The Group will then meet quarterly prior to the Forth Bridges Forum meetings.

Functions of the Compliance Group:

1. To support Historic Scotland on progressing the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Plan.
2. To provide assistance and resources to support the progression of the Management Plan
3. To agree a strategy for communicating key messages from the Forth Bridge World Heritage Compliance Group and ensuring continued community and stakeholder involvement.
4. To report to the Forth Bridges Forum on progress with the Forth Bridge's World Heritage Compliance.
5. To develop and implement a strategy for local community engagement.
6. To review and amend the Terms of Reference of the Compliance Group as appropriate.

Functions of the Compliance Group

1. To support Historic Scotland on progressing the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Plan

Historic Scotland will lead on the Management Plan due to their experience of handling and managing other World Heritage sites on a day-to-day basis. Historic Scotland will request input and contributions from partners as required.

2. To provide assistance and resources to support the progression of the management plan

Core members of the Compliance Group have agreed to provide resources in support of the purpose of the Group.

3. To agree a strategy for communicating key messages from the Forth Bridge World Heritage Compliance Group and ensuring continued community and stakeholder involvement

The World Heritage site has already received political, press and public interest. The Compliance Group shall build on this and develop a co-ordinated strategy for communicating and publicising key messages. Community Council members of the Compliance Group have agreed to share key messages with their respective communities via social media etc. Support is sought from communication specialists via the Forum's Communications Group.

4. To report quarterly to the Forth Bridges Forum on progress with the Forth Bridge's World Heritage Compliance.

The Compliance Group is a sub-group of the Forth Bridges Forum and will therefore provide progress reports at the quarterly Forth Bridges Forum meetings.

5. To develop and implement a strategy for local community engagement.

World Heritage inscription compliance requires demonstrable and effective engagement with local communities surrounding the site. The Compliance Group has established links with communities both north and south of the Firth of Forth and with heritage groups with particular interest in the Forth Bridge. The members of community groups previously mentioned are invited to attend Compliance Group meetings.

6. To review and amend the Terms of Reference of the Compliance Group as appropriate.

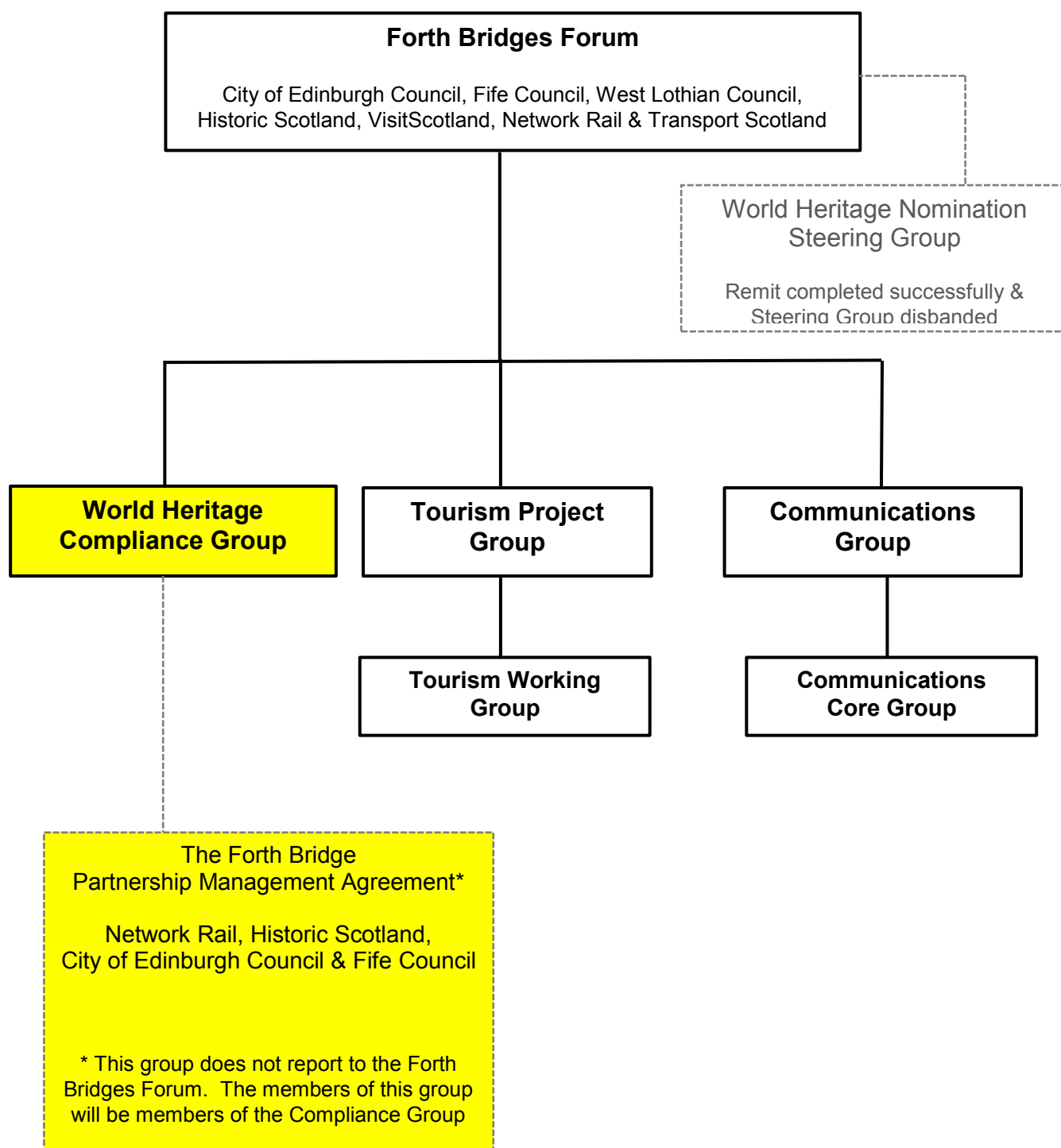
The Compliance Group is tasked with ensuring the implementation of the management plan, compliance with World Heritage conditions and the continuation of effective community engagement.

Transport Scotland
March 2015

For more information on the World Heritage Compliance Group, the Forth Bridges Forum and the bridges, visit the website at:

www.forth-bridges.co.uk

REPORTING STRUCTURE OF THE SUGGESTED COMPLIANCE GROUP



FORTH BRIDGES FORUM – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose: The Forth Bridges Forum is a Transport Scotland-led management Forum, established to ensure that local stakeholders' interests remain at the core of the management and maintenance of the Forth bridges. In addition, it provides a mechanism for the collective promotion of the Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC), Forth Road Bridge (FRB) and Forth Bridge.

Membership: The core members of the Forum are one or two senior officials from each of the organisations listed below.

Transport Scotland
Network Rail
City of Edinburgh Council
Fife Council
West Lothian Council
Historic Scotland
Visit Scotland
Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA)

FETA will be represented on the Forum by the Chief Engineer and Bridgmaster. Additional bodies may be invited to join the Forum dependent on specific workstreams which are to be discussed. For example, bus and train operators may be invited to the Forum to discuss measures to promote cross-Forth public transport.

The Forum is managed by Transport Scotland, on behalf of Scottish Ministers. Unlike the Forth Estuary Transport Authority Joint Board, the Forth Bridges Forum is not a legal or independent entity.

Functions of the Forum:

1. To establish and oversee a strategic approach to the operation and maintenance of the Forth Bridges.
2. To maintain effective engagement with local communities on issues that may affect, impact or be of interest to them.
3. To promote the location of the bridges spanning the Firth of Forth as a unique tourist destination.
4. To support the Forth Bridge's application for World Heritage status.
5. To develop and support schemes and measures to encourage an increase in cross-Forth active and sustainable public transport.

Functions of the Forum

1. To establish and oversee a strategic approach to the operation and maintenance of the Forth bridges.

Scottish Ministers have statutory responsibility under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 for the management and maintenance of the trunk road network, including bridges and structures. On behalf of Scottish Ministers, Transport Scotland will be responsible for technical oversight of the Forth Road Bridge and Forth Replacement Crossing including management, maintenance and operational standards as well as design standards and policy. Similarly, Network Rail will retain responsibility for the management of the Forth Bridge.

The principal role of the Forum will be to establish mechanisms for ensuring a joined-up approach to operational and maintenance activities and to optimise efficiencies.

2. To maintain effective engagement with local communities on issues that may affect, impact or be of interest to them.

Recognising that the operation of the Forth Road Bridge has an impact on everyday life in the community, and that both the road and rail bridges are of cultural and historical importance to the local communities, the Forum will ensure effective community engagement and consultation is undertaken, post-FRC construction.

3. To promote the location of the three bridges spanning the Firth of Forth as a unique tourist destination.

On opening of the Forth Replacement Crossing, the Firth of Forth will be home to three major bridges, from three consecutive centuries, performing three different functions. The Forth Bridges Forum will look for opportunities for marketing the bridges spanning the Firth of Forth as a tourist destination.

4. To support the Forth Bridge's application for World Heritage status.

As a condition for the application process for the Forth Bridge to become a World Heritage site, Network Rail are required to provide information on and demonstrate effective delivery of policies that aim to give the site a function in the life of the community. In addition, a management plan/strategy must be in place that involves stakeholders. The members of the Forth Bridges Forum will be committed to supporting the nomination process.

5. To develop and support schemes and measures to encourage an increase in cross-Forth active and sustainable public transport.

The Scottish Government is committed to promoting active and public transport above single occupancy car use. When FRC opens in 2016, the existing road bridge will become a dedicated public transport corridor for buses, cyclists and pedestrians. The FRB combined with the Forth Bridge will present attractive and viable alternatives to the car for cross-Forth travel.

Transport Scotland
September 2014

For more information on the Forth Bridges Forum, any of its sub-groups and the bridges, visit the website at: www.forth-bridges.co.uk

FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION STEERING GROUP**Terms of Reference**

Purpose: The Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group (the Steering Group) has been established to oversee work on the Forth Bridge's nomination for World Heritage Status. The full nomination dossier was submitted to UNESCO in January 2014.

Membership: The core members of the Steering Group are representatives from the following organisations:

Transport Scotland (Chair and Secretariat)
Historic Scotland
Network Rail
Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA)
City of Edinburgh Council
Fife Council
VisitScotland

The Steering Group also includes representatives from:

Queensferry Ambition, Queensferry & District Community Council, North Queensferry Community Council and North Queensferry Heritage Trust.

Additional bodies may be invited to join the Steering Group dependent on specific work streams which are to be discussed and progressed.

Accountability: The Steering Group reports to the Forth Bridges Forum.

Administration: Transport Scotland chair and provide secretariat for the Steering Group. The Steering Group met on a monthly basis for the first number of months. The Group now meet quarterly prior to the Forth Bridges Forum meetings.

Functions of the Steering Group:

1. To support Historic Scotland on drafting the management plan and nomination document.
2. To develop and implement a strategy for local community engagement.
3. To provide funding and resources to support the production of the management plan and nomination document.
4. To agree a strategy for communicating key milestones throughout the World Heritage Nomination process.
5. To report to the Forth Bridges Forum on progress with the Forth Bridge's World Heritage nomination.
6. To review and amend the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group as appropriate following the outcome of the nomination.

Functions of the Steering Group

1. To support Historic Scotland on drafting the management plan and nomination document.

Historic Scotland lead on the drafting of the management plan and nomination document due to their experience of handling previous World Heritage Status Nominations and managing World Heritage on a day-to-day basis. Historic Scotland request input and contributions from partners as required.

2. To develop and implement a strategy for local community engagement.

World Heritage nomination requires demonstrable and effective engagement with local communities surrounding the site. The Steering Group has established links with communities both north and south of the Firth of Forth and with heritage groups with particular interest in the Forth Bridge. The members of community groups previously mentioned are invited to attend Steering Group meetings.

3. To provide funding and resources to support the production of the management plan and nomination document.

All core members of the Steering Group have agreed to provide funding and resources in support of the nomination. It is anticipated that the bulk of the funding will be required in financial year 2013-14 and 2014-15, although some funding was required in 2012-13 for research purposes by external consultants. Contributions are discussed and agreed by members at Steering Group meetings.

4. To agree a strategy for communicating key milestones throughout the World Heritage Nomination process.

The nomination has already received political, press and public interest. The Steering Group shall build on this and develop a co-ordinated strategy for communicating and publicising the nomination at key stages. Support is sought from communication specialists.

5. To report to the Forth Bridges Forum on progress with the Forth Bridge's World Heritage nomination

The Steering Group is a sub-group of the Forth Bridges Forum and will therefore provide progress reports at the quarterly Forth Bridges Forum meetings.

6. To review and amend the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group as appropriate following the outcome of the nomination.

If the Forth Bridge is successful, the Steering Group will be tasked with ensuring the implementation of the management plan and the continuation of effective community engagement. Should the Forth Bridge be unsuccessful at this time, the Steering Group may wish to consider planning for future applications.

For more information on the World Heritage Steering Group, the Forth Bridges Forum and the bridges, visit the website at:
www.forth-bridges.co.uk

Forth Bridge - World Heritage Nomination Steering Group

Meeting 23

2nd April 2015 at 11:00

Meeting Room 1.15 of the FRC Contact and Education Centre,
South Queensferry

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome & Apologies | 11:00 (5) |
| 2. Action Points and Previous Minute | 11:05 (10) |
| 3. Management Plan Update | 11:15 (10) |
| 4. Forth Bridge 125th/World Heritage Group Update | 11:25 (10) |
| 5. ICOMOS Request Update | 11:35 (10) |
| 6. Interpretation Plan | 11:45 (10) |
| 7. UNESCO Committee Process | 11:55 (10) |
| 8. WHNSG – Next Steps | 12:05 (15) |
| 9. AOB | 12:20 (10) |
| 10. Next Meeting: Thursday 4 th June 2015 at 14:00 | |
| 11. | 12:30 |
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Forth Bridge - World Heritage Nomination Steering Group

Meeting 23

2nd April 2015 11:00 – 12:30

Meeting Room 1.15, FRC Contact and Education Centre, South Queensferry

Attendees

[redacted name]	Transport Scotland
[redacted name]	Transport Scotland
[redacted name]	Transport Scotland
Douglas Speirs (DS)	Fife Council
[redacted name]	Historic Scotland
Ian Heigh (IH)	Network Rail
[redacted name]	North Queensferry Heritage Trust
[redacted name]	North Queensferry Community Council
[redacted name]	Queensferry Ambition
Keith Giblett (KG)	Queensferry & District Community Council

1 Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting 23 of the Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group (WHNSG). AF introduced GP as his successor as Chair of the Steering Group.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Mark Watson Historic Scotland; Manuela Calchini, VisitScotland; Craig Bowman, Network Rail; David Sinclair and Will Garrett, both from City of Edinburgh Council; and Chris Waite, FETA.

2 Minute of Previous Meeting & Action Points

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- 2.2 [redacted name] updated action point 21.6 with info about funding for the July family fun weekend, the Forth Bridges Live and the Forth Bridges Festival in September.
- 2.3 [redacted name] added that the Darjeeling Railway Society have been in touch and requested to be part of the Forth Bridge's 125th Anniversary celebration. North Queensferry will be dressed as a Darjeeling station and will have an exhibition of the Darjeeling Railway on show.

3 Management Plan Update

- 3.1 MO highlighted the review of the Management Plan action. MO will be looking at the action plan and capturing all outstanding and incomplete actions within the Management Plan. MO will provide a list of outstanding actions for the Forum to be advised when considering a reformed group.
- 3.2 DS asked if any studies will be undertaken to review the pre- and post- effect of World Heritage. DS suggested that a letter go to the Local Authorities asking them to engage their Economic Development Departments to look at this.

ACTION: Chair to draft a letter to go from the Forum Chair to the three LAs to ask them to gather information pre and post inscription

- 3.3 KG raised the issue of the Rebanks Report and a strategic plan. KG also enquired about when the management plan commences and highlighted that there was no apparent evidence from the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) that suggests the CEC are engaged in the Management Plan. Items under discussion are baseline fabric and condition of the town and the condition of the High Street. QDCC met with Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights. His response was very favourable and he thanked them for bringing all the issues together to him and he said he would put a call into Sue Bruce to meet with the Senior Management of CEC to discuss.
- 3.4 KG raises further questions about being ready for visitors coming to the area if the Forth Bridge is successfully inscribed. KG highlighted that even if visitors arrive by train, the walk from Dalmeny to Hawes pier was unacceptable for visitors.
- 3.5 AF advised that the management plan is currently active and we are in year one of a six-year plan. The respective Local Authorities are responsible for the actions within the Management Plan and there is an obligation from each Local Authority to take forward the actions relative to them.
- 3.6 MO added that this Steering Group is in a position now to review the Management Plan and collate updates to report to the Forum.
- 3.7 MO advised that he will be reviewing the Rebanks report to ensure the KPIs are included.

ACTION: MO & [redacted name] to review the Management Plan and gather updates to pass to the respective organisations for updates before taking to the Forum

ACTION: [redacted name] to compile an update on Management Plan from organisations to collate into an update for the UK Ambassador

- 3.8 [redacted name] highlighted a press article to the group for information. It referred to 'a partnership of local authorities is aiming to win a £1bn city deal'.

A copy of the news release can be located here:

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/1807/edinburgh_city_region_targets_billion_pound_boost

4 Forth Bridge 125th/World Heritage Group Update

- 4.1 [redacted name] provided an update to the Group. The 125th Anniversary event was very successful and was very well attended at the Contact Education Centre.

5 ICOMOS Request Update

- 5.1 MO updated the group on the additional request for information from ICOMOS. The recommendation report will be published in May on the UNESCO website.

6 Interpretation Plan

- 6.1 MO updated the group on the interpretation plan which features in the Management Plan. Work is about to commence on the 3D scanning and there is a requirement to engage the education curricula, tourism and visitors. HS & TS will look at the interpretation plan as part of the review for the Forum.
- 6.2 [redacted name] suggested that the learning strategy from FRC be implemented into the Interpretation Plan.

7 UNESCO Committee Process

- 7.1 The UK Permanent delegation to UNESCO comprising of Matt Sudders, the UK Ambassador, and his team will be presenting the nomination. UK delegation will also be handling additional issues in relation to other sites in the UK, but MO, MW, [redacted name] and IH will join the delegation for the session involving the Forth Bridge.

8 WHNSG – Next Steps

- 8.1 Chair raised the issue of the next steps for the Steering Group and the paper submitted.
- 8.2 The group discussed the paper further and agreed it was the remit of the Forth Bridges Forum to decide on the next steps for a World Heritage group.

9 AOB

- 9.1 **ICOMOS** – the UK and the Ireland Branch will be visiting the Forth Bridge on 4th June 2015 to learn about World Heritage in Scotland.
- 9.2 AF thanked everyone on the group for their hard work throughout the term of the Steering Group

9.3 [redacted line – personal information]

10 Date of Next Meeting

10.1 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4th June at 2pm*. This date could potentially be the first meeting of the newly formed 'World Heritage Management Group' provided the Forum are content with the recommendations and suggestions being put to them by the Steering Group.

* Post meeting note – this meeting did not take place.

Outstanding Action Points ...

Action No	Actions	Action Owner	Status
10.4	A suggestion that the website could link to other similar structures with World Heritage status will be taken forward.	TS	Ongoing
17.10	West Lothian Council to be contacted regarding attendance at future WHSG meetings.	HS/TS	Ongoing
21.1	MW to arrange meeting with Crown Estates re ownership of land in the area	MW	Ongoing
21.3	WG to ascertain if the planning application for housing in the area impacts on any of the nine key views identified	WG	Ongoing
21.5	Historic Scotland to adopt the conservation of the nine viewpoints of the Forth Bridge into the Management Plan	MO	Ongoing
23.1	Letter to be drafted for the Forum Chair to send to the three LAs to ask them to gather visitor information pre and post inscription	Chair	Ongoing
23.2	MO & [redacted name] to review the Management Plan and gather updates to pass to the respective organisations for updates before taking to the Forum	MO/[redacted name]	Ongoing
23.3	[redacted name] to compile an update on Management Plan from organisations to collate into an update for the UK Ambassador	[redacted name]	Ongoing

From: [redacted name]

Sent: 08 April 2015 12:44

To: [redacted name]

Cc: [redacted 6 names]

Attachments: FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION - Comms Background.docx

[redacted name] ,

As discussed at the meeting last week, here is some background for the comms material for the Bridge decision. Hope it's of use.

Regards,
[redacted name]

[redacted name] MSc, FSA Scot, IHBC
[redacted name] | **Historic Environment Policy Unit**
Culture and Historic Environment Division | The Scottish Government
[redacted personal details]

[attachment below]

FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION: Background material for Comms handling

Summary:

The Forth Bridge has been nominated for inscription as a World Heritage Site. An evaluation mission by an expert from ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) took place in early October 2014. The final decision on whether to inscribe the bridge as a World Heritage Site is expected at this year's meeting of UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting in Bonn, July 2015. If successful, the Forth Bridge will become the sixth World Heritage Site in Scotland.

The material below gives some background to the key themes relating to the nomination process.

The Role of the Forth Bridges Forum

In addition to acting as the umbrella body responsible for submitting the nomination, the Forum provides an excellent platform around which all the partners can work. The principal partners are Transport Scotland (who fund and run the Forum), Historic Scotland, Network Rail, FETA, City of Edinburgh Council, Fife Council and West Lothian Council, and Visit Scotland.

The nomination is catered for specifically through the Forum's 'Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination Steering Group', which met monthly and, since the submission in January, once every two months. This group differs from the main forum in that it has community representation (both community councils and a heritage trust). The Steering Group is therefore a useful means of maintaining positive engagement with the local communities, and continues to organise a range of activities and events. It is also the main means of seeing through the Actions outlined in the dossier's Management Plan.

Membership of the Steering Group includes Historic Scotland and HEPU, with Transport Scotland providing the chair and supporting secretariat. The Forum also has a communications group which co-ordinates issues relating to all three Bridges. It also controls the Forth Bridges' website, within which the Forth Bridge's web pages provide information on the nomination, as well as Network Rail's potential visitor centres. <http://www.forth-bridges.co.uk/forth-bridge.html>

[redacted paragraph - exempt]

The ICOMOS World Heritage Evaluation Process

At the beginning of his visit, Professor Cotte took some time to explain the evaluation process in detail, confirming that his mission was one part of a larger evaluation process. A second part was the letter already received containing 13 specific questions requesting further information and clarification. He noted that this process may require further information to be requested before ultimately ICOMOS will announce its decision whether or not to recommend inscription, probably in May 2015. The final decision will be made at the 39th meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Bonn from 28th June to 8th July.

Presentation of the possible Visitor Centres in the ICOMOS Evaluation

Network Rail has been very open about its intention to explore the possibility of on-Bridge access via visitor centres at both ends of the Bridge. These have been publicised on its own website, on a dedicated website, and through leaflets distributed to the inhabitants of both Queensferry. It is very likely that the creation of HONQ stems directly from this transparency.

In planning the Mission, the team therefore scheduled visits that included the possible sites for both visitor centres, and extensive meetings at Network Rail's Scottish HQ in Glasgow (Buchanan House). Professor Cotte therefore received all the information that was currently available. The Visitor Centres (both north and south) was very thoroughly discussed with the ICOMOS Evaluator during the Technical Evaluation Mission, which occurred at the beginning of October 2014 (see report in Annex A, and further explanation below).

No formal development application has been tendered by Network Rail to either Fife Council or City of Edinburgh Council. When/if a formal application is made, it will be considered in the normal way by the Councils, and by Historic Scotland's Heritage Management Directorate (including potential EIA/HIA). In this event, it will also be the responsibility of the State Party (DCMS) to inform UNESCO and ICOMOS of the updates with material provided via SG.

Community Engagement and Consultation

Throughout the nomination process and preparation of the dossier, there have been meetings with the communities on both sides of the Forth, and a public consultation was carried out over several months during the summer of 2013. These revealed broad support for the nomination, tempered by a sense of concern that the already stretched infrastructure would not be able to cope with an increase in visitors to the two Queensferry.

The nomination team also sought the advice of World Heritage consultant, James Rebanks, whose work on the economic benefits of inscription is now widely recognised, especially by UNESCO. For this reason, a tourism strategy for all three Bridges is being developed, and involves continuing engagement with the local communities (managed by Transport Scotland and Visit Scotland).

More recently, since Network Rail has provided details of its ambition to develop the visitor centres, meetings to discuss potential proposals have been held in North Queensferry and Queensferry, co-ordinated by Network Rail and the local authorities. HONQ made its views known at the former, which took place on September 10th 2014.

Draft Q and A

Q: When was the nomination first announced?

A: The UK Government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport announced in May 2012 that the 19th-Century landmark mild-steel structure would be the first site from the revised UK Tentative List to be put forward to UNESCO for nomination.

Q: When was the nomination submitted?

A: On 24 January 2014, a World Heritage Nomination for the Forth Bridge was submitted to UNESCO by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Q: Who was involved in the nomination project?

A: The two-part nomination dossier had been prepared over two years by Historic Scotland on behalf of the Forth Bridges Forum, a partnership group, administered by Transport Scotland, that co-ordinates the interests of the communities around the Forth Bridges, together with national and local government organisations, and the owners of the Bridge, Network Rail.

Q: What is the full list of members of the nomination group?

A: The nomination to UNESCO is being overseen by the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group of the Forth Bridges Forum, which includes Network Rail as owner of the Bridge, Transport Scotland, Historic Scotland, Fife Council, City of Edinburgh Council, Queensferry & District Community Council, Queensferry Ambition, North Queensferry Community Council, North Queensferry Heritage Trust, FETA and VisitScotland.

Q: Is there a good chance that the nomination will succeed?

A: Together with its partners in the Forth Bridges Forum, Historic Scotland has prepared a compelling nomination document which presents a strong case for the Bridge's Outstanding Universal Value. This is accompanied by a Management Plan that outlines how the Bridge will be maintained in the future, together with ways in which the benefits of World Heritage inscription can be maximised. However, we

cannot anticipate the decision of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee which is due in July 2015.

Q: When will we know if the nomination has been successful?

A: ICOMOS will publish its recommendation in May 2014 but we will not know the final outcome of the bid until UNESCO's World Heritage Committee meets in July 2015.

Q: What is happening in the meantime?

A: An expert assessor from ICOMOS visited Scotland in early October 2014. He will submit his report to ICOMOS. There is a formal request from ICOMOS for further information both before and after the meeting of their World Heritage Panel in December. We would need to supply any further information requested by ICOMOS by 28 February 2015.

Following the provision to ICOMOS of any information requested, we are unlikely to hear further until early May 2015, when ICOMOS will publish its evaluation of the property with its recommendation on whether it should be inscribed.

Q: When will the final decision be made?

A: The final decision on inscription will be taken by the World Heritage Committee in July 2015, in Bonn.

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 13 April 2015 12:08
To: [redacted 2 names]
Cc: [redacted 2 names]
Subject: FW: Note of Mtg with Qatari Culture Minister
Attachments: World Heritage Sites.docx

Dear [redacted name]

I attach a list of Scotland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites as requested. There are live hyperlinks in the document to more info on each site (Historic Scotland website).

You are probably aware that the Forth Bridge has been nominated for WH status but we await UNESCO's decision on that nomination, in July. To avoid potential confusion and pre-empting UNESCO's decision, I have not included any information on that nomination here.

Apologies for the delay in returning these.

[redacted name]

[redacted name] | Policy Manager

Historic Environment Policy Unit | Culture and Historic Environment Division | Scottish Government
Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ
[redacted personal details]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 16:10
To: [redacted name]
Subject: FW: Note of Mtg with Qatari Culture Minister

Just checking in on this and whether I can tick off these actions around UNESCO from our tracker? Cheers

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 07 April 2015 11:02
To: [redacted 3 names]
Cc: [redacted name]
Subject: FW: Note of Mtg with Qatari Culture Minister

[redacted name], can you please add these actions to the tracker and map progress.

[redacted name], can you please forward [redacted name] the list of UNESCO heritage sites in Scotland and provide lines around UNESCO for the thank you letter.

[redacted name] if you can note the information relating to REMT. I have already discussed with [redacted name] the interest from Qatar, so happy to drop him an email reinforcing the Qatari's aspirations to take the tattoo to Doha.

Thanks
[redacted name]

[redacted name] | Team Manager | Cultural Relations | Culture, Europe and External Affairs | Scottish Government
[redacted personal details]

From: [redacted name])
Sent: 07 April 2015 06:51
To: [redacted 3 names]
Subject: Fw: Note of Mtg with Qatari Culture Minister

Fyi and action as appropriate.

Ta
[redacted name]

From: [redacted name]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 06:47 AM
To: [redacted 4 names]
Subject: Note of Mtg with Qatari Culture Minister

All,

Draft note and action points arising from the meeting with Dr Hamad. I'll forward this to Culture colleagues for awareness and to get ball rolling on some of actions.

Please do not reply to this email as its my personal address.

Thanks
[redacted name]

[attachment below]

World Heritage Sites

Scotland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites:

[The Antonine Wall](#) - marked the most northerly frontier of the Roman Empire nearly 2000 years ago and was also its most complex frontier. Running across central Scotland, it was built by Roman soldiers for the Emperor Antoninus Pius around AD 142, their efforts commemorated by a unique group of milestones.

[Heart of Neolithic Orkney](#) - is one of the richest surviving Neolithic landscapes in Western Europe. Its impressive domestic and ritual monuments are masterpieces of Neolithic design and construction and give us exceptional insights into the society, skills and spiritual beliefs of the people who built them.

[New Lanark](#) - is a restored 18th century cotton mill village situated in the narrow gorge of the River Clyde. Renowned for the enlightened management of the social pioneer Robert Owen, it was the biggest cotton mill in Scotland and one of the largest industrial groups in the world.

[The Old and New Towns of Edinburgh](#) - form one of the most beautiful cityscapes in the world. The city's unique character springs from the contrast between the medieval Old Town, with its distinctive narrow passageways, and the 18th century New Town, the best preserved example of Georgian town planning in the UK.

[St Kilda](#) - is a group of remote islands and sea stacks 100 miles off the west coast of Scotland. They host the largest colony of seabirds in Europe and unique

populations of sheep, field-mice and wrens. Evocative cultural remains chart some 5000 years of history until evacuation in 1930.

From: [redacted name]
Sent: 13 April 2015 13:08
To: [redacted 3 names]; [redacted 4 names]; [redacted 4 names] [redacted 7 names]
[redacted 25 names] [redacted 9 names]
Subject: Traffic Impact Assessment Final Report
Attachments: Forth Bridges Forum -Traffic Impact Assessment (1) - CH2MHill - April 2015.pdf

Dear Forum and sub-groups

Please find attached a copy of the final Traffic Impact Assessment report received from CH2M Hill.

If you have any thoughts or observations you'd like to feedback, please email them direct to me.

Kind regards,
[redacted name]



[redacted name] Transport Scotland, Special Projects – Forth Bridges
[redacted 2 lines- personal information]

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For agency and travel information visit the [Transport Scotland website](#)

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[attachment pdf reference: Forth Bridges Forum- Traffic Impact Assessment]

PS Minute for case: 2015/0012720

SUMMARY

Ms Johnstone's email expresses concern that recent and ongoing development planning cases in and around the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site (WHS) will impact upon the nomination of the Forth Bridge for World Heritage inscription. The email refers specifically to the former Royal High School. Ms Johnstone asks Ms Hyslop to commit to working with the City of Edinburgh Council to resolve issues with the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh WHS and further asks the Scottish Government to strengthen planning policy and guidance.

Background

A planning application has not yet been submitted for the former Royal High School but the proposed scheme has attracted significant ongoing media interest including an AHSS public meeting attracting over 200 people. UNESCO have been notified of the proposals under Section 172 of the World Heritage Convention Operational Guidelines. As the Royal High School development is the subject of live planning, it would be inappropriate for Ms Hyslop to comment on this ongoing case.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee will make the decision on whether to inscribe the Forth Bridge as a World Heritage Site in July. ICOMOS will publish its recommendation to UNESCO on inscription of the Forth Bridge in May at which point we will understand ICOMOS's position, but the final decision rests with the Committee.

None of our correspondence with ICOMOS to date over the Forth Bridge nomination has referred to other WHS in Scotland or the broader UK. We understand from Historic England's past experience of WH nominations that as the management arrangements at any nominated property are unique to that property, in theory, the ICOMOS recommendation on inscription of the Forth Bridge should not include reference to other UK sites.

The nomination team, led by Historic Scotland, is preparing for the publication of ICOMOS's recommendation in May to ensure that if any concerns are raised by ICOMOS, including any concerns relating to other Scottish WHS, we can take these up immediately with DCMS and the UK Ambassador to UNESCO.

Recommendation

Given that the nomination should not in theory be affected by circumstances at other UK WHS, we are keen to avoid the public conflation of casework issues in Edinburgh with the Forth Bridge nomination. Ms Hyslop's response has therefore been drafted deliberately to keep these separate. In any event we cannot predict ICOMOS's recommendation nor UNESCO's final decision.

[Attachment 1 reference: 20150012720 email]

[Attachment 2 reference: 20150012720 final reply]