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Local Development Plan Team,
Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure,
Aberdeen City Council,
Business Hub 4,
Marischal College,
Broad Street,
Aberdeen AB10 1AB

Dear Sirs

ABERDEEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

We are writing on behalf of the James Hutton Institute and the Macaulay
Development Trust to ask that the work undertaken as part of the previous 2008 Local
Plan is not overlooked when considering other development options in the
Countesswells Area and that you welcome to meet us on site.

Initially, it would be helpful if you would clarify the status of the Craigiebuckler
Planning Brief, December 2005. We are aware that under the 2008 Local Plan the
Campus came under Policy 41 - "Existing Sites and Facilities" and we consider that the
Planning Brief complies with the current planning framework. However, it is
recognised that further transportation assessments are required to show how the
careful further development of the Craigiebuckler Campus can be accommodated,
thereby contributing to the strength of the research capability of the James Hutton
Institute to enable it to realise its full potential within a high quality local
environment.

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Before you finalise the Main Issues Report, we are sure that you would find it useful to meet on site to learn about our plans for this unique research facility of international importance which would enable us to prepare the necessary technical studies to our mutual advantage. Accordingly, we would wish to invite your Director, Head of Service and a member of your Local Plans Team to visit the Craigiebuckler Campus in the near future as well as clarifying the current status of the Craigiebuckler Planning Brief.

Yours Sincerely
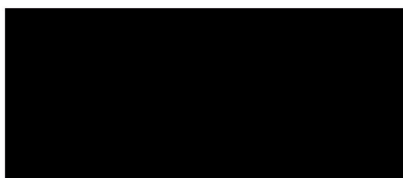
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