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Dear Mr Deans

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Clackmannanshire Council – Local Transport Strategy

Thank you for consulting Historic Scotland on the Environmental Report for Clackmannanshire Council's Local Transport Strategy which was received in the Scottish Government's SEA Gateway on 17 November 2010.

I have reviewed the Environmental Report on behalf of Historic Scotland and should make clear that this response is in the context of the SEA Act and our role as a Consultation Authority. It therefore focuses on the environmental assessment, rather than the contents of the strategy.

General Comments

My focus in reviewing the Environmental Report is on the potential for significant environmental impacts on the historic environment that may arise from the strategy. As you will be aware, in our response to your scoping consultation of 14 October 2009 we were content to agree with the scoping out of the historic environment from this assessment. I note that the historic environment has indeed been scoped out of the assessment and therefore I have no further comments to offer.

None of the comments in this letter should be taken as constituting legal interpretation of the requirements of the SEA Act. They are intended rather as helpful advice, as part of Historic Scotland's commitment to capacity building in SEA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 668 8960 should you wish to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Stevenson Senior Strategic Environmental Assessment Officer

