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Our ref: SMC-EDB-001
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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)
DIRECTION 2015
PROGRAMME OF TRIAL TRENCHING AND OPEN AREA EXCAVATION IN RELATION
TO FUTURE WORKS AT HOLYROOD ABBEY, PRECINCT AND ASSOCIATED
REMAINS**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 August 2017 relating to the above development, notified to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Schedule of the above Direction. I also acknowledge receipt of the missing documents which were received on 1 September 2017.

The period within which the Scottish Ministers may require you to refer the application to them for decision is 28 days from 1 September 2017, provided that the period may be extended before it expires if necessary to allow the Scottish Ministers to complete their consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully

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