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Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
DIRECTION 2015  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION AT LOCHMABEN PEEL AND CASTLE**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 June 2018, relating to the above development, notified to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Schedule of the above Direction.

The period within which the Scottish Ministers may require you to refer the application to them for decision is 28 days from 8 June 2018 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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