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Dear Mr MacKinnon

**TAYPLAN STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT OF THE EXAMINATION**

We refer to our appointments by the Scottish Ministers, dated 6 December 2011 and 16 January 2012, to conduct the examination of the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan. Having satisfied ourselves that the strategic planning authority's consultation and engagement exercises conformed with their participation statement, our examination of the plan commenced on 30 December 2011. We have completed the examination, and now submit our report, enclosing an electronic copy and one bound copy.

In our examination we considered all 24 issues arising from unresolved representations which were identified by the authority. In each case we have taken account of the summaries of the representations and the responses, as prepared by the authority, and the original representations. We have set out our conclusions and recommendations in relation to each issue in our report.

We did not require to hold any hearing or inquiry sessions, but requested additional information about a number of matters. We thank those parties, including the TAYplan SDPA, who responded to our requests for further information.

We have recommended that modifications should be made to the plan arising from 15 of the 24 issues.

Any concerns expressed in representations about the Action Programme, the Environmental Report and related documents are not unresolved representations to the strategic development plan and are therefore, outwith the scope of the examination.

It is now for Scottish Ministers to consider the report and decide whether or not to approve the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan, with or without modifications.

A letter is being issued to all those who submitted representations to inform them that the examination has been completed and that the report has been submitted to Scottish Ministers. It will advise them that the report is now published and available to view on our web site at:

<http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=qJ14349>

Copies of the report of the examination are also available from the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals at the above address, and can be inspected at Enterprise House, 3 Greenmarket, Dundee, DD1 4QB.

Yours sincerely

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