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Dear Mr Ferguson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF FORMER ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY SITE AT BISHOPTON AS A PREFERRED LOCATION FOR LONG-TERM EXPANSION

Thank you for your letter of 2 May seeking information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (the Act) in respect of the above mentioned proposal. Your request was received on 4 May

In response to the 8 points raised requesting all correspondence relating to the designation of the Royal Ordnance Factory site at Bishopton as a preferred location for long term development I wish to advise that the files retained by Planning Division do not hold any information relating to the points raised.

I should explain that the statement in paragraph 155 of the National Planning Framework reflects the identification of Bishopton as one of two strategic locations with Long Term Potential for Development in Strategic Policy 2 of the approved Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan 2000. The decision to identify Bishopton as a strategic location with long term potential for development was made by the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee. The Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Joint Structure Plan 2000 was approved by the Scottish Ministers on 26th April 2002.

In view of the above may I suggest that points 3 to 8 in your letter are addressed to the Structure Plan Manager, the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee, 10 Killermont Street, Glasgow, G2 3NW.

If you believe that our decision is wrong, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain unsatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to The Head of Department, Scottish Executive Development Department, Area 3-H01, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely

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