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Our ref: CIN/ABS/001
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Dear Mr Campbell

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR GOLF COURSE AND RESORT
DEVELOPMENT AT LAND AT MENIE HOUSE, BALMEDIE, ABERDEEN
(APPLICATION F/APP/2006/4605)**

Scottish Ministers have decided to require the planning application noted above to be referred to them for determination in terms of Section 46 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Accordingly a Direction to that effect is enclosed.

Scottish Ministers have given this Direction in view of the proposal raising issues of importance requiring scrutiny at a national level.

Article 21 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Order 1992 requires the planning authority to serve notice on the applicant for planning permission of the terms of the Direction and of the reasons for issuing it. In connection with the service of notice, attention is drawn to Section 271 of the 1997 Act. I should be grateful if your Council would serve the required notice and let me have a copy.

Section 46(5) of the 1997 Act provides that, before determining an application referred to them, Scottish Ministers shall afford both the applicant and the planning authority the opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by them for that purpose. I should be glad to know whether the applicant and your Council wish such an opportunity or whether in this case you would be agreeable to proceeding on the basis of written submissions and a site inspection.

Yours sincerely

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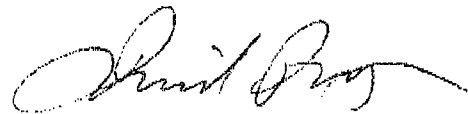


**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (REFERENCE OF APPLICATION)
(ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL) (OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR GOLF
COURSE AND RESORT DEVELOPMENT AT LAND AT MENIE HOUSE,
BALMEDIE, ABERDEEN) DIRECTION 2007.**

Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 46(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby direct that Aberdeenshire Council refer to them for determination the application for planning permission under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 made by Trump International Golf Links, Scotland for outline planning permission for golf course and resort development at land at Menie House, Balmedie, Aberdeen.

This Direction is given in view the proposal raising issues of importance requiring scrutiny at a national level.

This Direction may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Reference of Application) (Aberdeenshire Council) (outline planning permission for golf course and resort development at land at Menie House, Balmedie, Aberdeen) Direction 2007



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