

**Development Management and Strategic Road Safety
Trunk Roads: Network Management**

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Dear Kenn

Trump International Golf Course and Resort, Menie Estate, Balmedie

I refer to our meeting on Friday 26 October 2007 when I reported that I had received the results of the audit of your Development Appraisal in connection with the above development. The main comments relate to the Economic Development section and the lack of supporting methodology for each of the employment and GVA totals as follows.

Direct employment during the construction phase is assessed as 9970 construction worker man years based on a total expenditure of £643 million. Some further detail is required to indicate how this estimate of construction jobs has been derived and a full time equivalent (FTE) job total should be provided.

Direct employment during the operational phase is given as 1,180 permanent on-site jobs based on annual expenditure of £99 million. Again some further detail should be provided to support this claimed total.

With consideration given to additionality, displacement and multiplier effects, indirect and induced employment are claimed to give an overall total (including direct impacts) of 6230 jobs in Aberdeenshire and a further 740 jobs across Scotland during the construction phase, and around 1250 jobs in Aberdeenshire and a further 190 jobs across Scotland during the operational phase.

Resulting GVA impacts of the scheme are £205 million in Aberdeenshire and a further £57 million across Scotland during the construction phase, with £47 million per annum in Aberdeenshire and a further £11 million per annum across Scotland during the operational phase.

Again a more detailed description of the applied methodology should be provided to support both the employment and GVA totals, along with confirmation as to whether the job totals represent man-years or FTEs.

It is anticipated that the above information is available in the full Economic Impact Assessment and a summary should be provided in the DA. I look forward to receiving this information.

The audit has also resulted in some different assessment of impacts. These are itemised below.

Objective	Sub-Objective	DA Impact	Audit Impact
Housing	H2. Provision of Affordable Housing	Neutral	Moderate Adverse
Environment	E1. Environmental Remediation	Neutral	Major Adverse
Economic	ED2. Contribution to local Regeneration aims	Moderate Beneficial	Minor Beneficial
Social Inclusion	SI2. Improved Access to Services in Rural Areas	Minor Beneficial	Neutral
Transport	T3. Public Transport and Walking/Cycling Provision	Moderate Beneficial	Major Adverse

If you wish to discuss any of the above comments then please do not hesitate to contact me.

The audit of the DA indicates a development which makes a strong contribution to the economic objective in terms of job creation and productivity impacts. In view of this I can confirm that Transport Scotland will allow a new access to the trunk road to service this development. I look forward to receiving the result of the STAG 2 to confirm the most appropriate form of access and then further discussions on the Transport Assessment.

Yours sincerely

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