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**SENT TO THE APPLICANT AND COPIED TO THE MAIN INQUIRY PARTIES BY E-MAIL**

Our ref: CIN/ABS/001

15 May 2008

Dear Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
(SCOTLAND) DIRECTION 2007  
OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR GOLF COURSE AND RESORT  
DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT MENIE HOUSE, BALMEDIE, ABERDEEN**

You asked for clarification of bullet point 4 in my letter of 7 May. There is nothing missing from this paragraph. The reporters require clarification of the applicant's intentions because the golf maintenance building and caddy shack are referred to in the outline planning application, which implies that they could be located anywhere within the red line. Condition 3 of the suggested list of conditions from

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Aberdeenshire Council also indicates that these elements of the proposed development could be located anywhere within the site. On the other hand, the detailed planning application for these facilities has not been withdrawn, which appears to indicate that the applicant has decided that they should be positioned in a certain location.

In relation to point 5 of my letter, allowing the applicant to lead evidence as described by you would mean that opposing parties would also have to be allowed to lead counter evidence on the same topics. As Mr McCulloch said at the pre-inquiry meeting, the identity of the applicant and the track record from elsewhere is not relevant, as outline planning permission, if granted, would run with the land. The reporters' strong preference is that the applicant does not lead any evidence in this regard.

The reporters note that TIGLS intends to lead evidence on the access strategy by written submissions. Additional written submissions must be lodged by 21 May 2008.

Yours faithfully

**COLIN BELL**