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Thank you for your letter of 8 April raising issues in connection with the management of this inquiry.

Each of your numbered paragraphs is dealt with in turn below:

1. There are, as you state, a number of areas where the need for discussion between parties was flagged so that issues are either resolved, or the facts that underpin the dispute become agreed. We are copying this letter to all relevant persons and, whilst we do not wish to divert any party from their preparation, a brief update on progress since the pre-inquiry meeting would be helpful.

2. The reporters have noted the position expressed by SNH.

3. We see all parties sharing the initiative to reach agreements since, if successful, each will benefit from a reduction in inquiry time and preparation for it; but in respect of this issue it is particularly important for those with a statutory regulatory interest to explore pro-actively the scope for agreement.

4. Your position, which echoes the points made on your behalf at the pre-inquiry meeting, is noted.

5 & 6. The reporters asked for clarification from the applicants concerning these issues. That clarification is awaited. The reporters appreciate that until the applicants clarify these matters, preparation by other parties is difficult.

7. The reporters note the position in relation to the Special Protection Area, which was also referred to in a letter dated 28 January 2007 from SNH to DPEA. They have also seen correspondence suggesting that parties are co-operating in the preparation of material in this regard.

8. We do not recall the discussion to which you refer concerning problems with “the legal agreement”. Mr McCulloch did refer to the planning conditions suggested by the council in their committee submissions as being the starting point for consideration of that matter. The correct place for narration of suggested conditions is in parties’ statements of case – as suggested in the Code of Practice attached to SODD Circular 17/1998. Again, this emphasises the need for productive discussion amongst parties. The note of the pre-inquiry meeting states that the council’s statement of case should contain suggested conditions and heads of terms for a section 75 agreement.

I am sending a copy of this letter, together with yours, to all relevant persons and also to Aberdeenshire Council for deposit.

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