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Dear Sir

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 AYRSHIRE JOINT STRUCTURE PLAN 1999

The Scottish Ministers have decided to approve the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan 1999 which was submitted to the Secretary of State on 9 March 1999. In reaching their decision the Scottish Ministers considered all representations and objections made to them in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 1983. In addition to the matters taken into account in the Plan as submitted, the Scottish Ministers have considered such other matters as they thought relevant.

The Scottish Ministers have approved the Plan subject to a number of modifications which are set out in Annex A to this letter. At Annex B are comments on objections made to the Secretary of State during public consultations on the Plan as drafted, and on the proposed modifications where the Scottish Ministers have not accepted the substance of the objections and propose no modifications to the Plan in respect of them.

While the Scottish Ministers' approval of the Plan is founded primarily on consideration of the policies and general proposals, it relates to the Plan as a whole. It should be understood that the Scottish Ministers' approval of the Plan does not convey approval of any matter therein for any other statutory purpose. In particular, it does not commit the Scottish Ministers, or any Government Department, to the payment of grant on any particular project or to the amount or timing of any capital expenditure.

The Plan shall become operative on 24 January 2000.

The foregoing decision is final, subject to the right, conferred by Section 238 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, of any person aggrieved by the Scottish Ministers' decision to apply to the Court of Session within 6 weeks from the date of publication of the first notice of approval of the Plan, whereby the Court may quash the decision if satisfied that it is not within the



powers of the Act or that the applicant's interests have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with any requirement of the Act.

I am sending a copy of this letter and annexes to the Chief Executives and Heads of Planning at East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils.

Yours faithfully

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