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Dear Jim

ANGUS COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Schemes of Delegation and Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, please find enclosed a copy of the Angus Council Scheme of Delegation in relation to the determination of planning applications which must gain the approval of Scottish Ministers.

In 2008 Angus Council formed a Member/Officer Working Group to discuss and make recommendations to Committee on the implications of the impending new legislation. The Scheme of Delegation was one of the issues discussed and the Working Group made recommendations to Committee in relation to a new Scheme of Delegation which was approved by the Infrastructure Services Committee, the Development Standards Committee and Angus Council.

In order to move the agenda for change forward we have been working with the new Scheme of Delegation since January 2009. The change has resulted in increased efficiencies in dealing with applications, smaller agendas at Committee and a more focussed approach by Committee on the more larger scale and more controversial applications.

I would be grateful if the Scheme of Delegation could be forwarded to Ministers for approval

I look forward to receiving approval in due course.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE CHREE
HEAD OF PLANNING & TRANSPORT

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Head of Planning and Transport

The Head of Planning and Transport is authorised-

- (1) In respect of the Council's Development Control functions:-
 - (ii) to approve planning applications, with the exception of:
 - (a) applications defined as being National or Major;
 - (b) applications which attract five individual objections (i.e. excluding five letters of objections from an individual, individual household, or organisation);
 - (c) applications which are significant departures from the Development Plan which are recommended for approval;
 - (d) applications which attract objections from statutory consultees, including Community Councils;
 - (e) applications which are submitted by any Angus Council Department or Division or where Angus Council owns the land subject to application or where Angus Council have a financial interest in the land.
 - (f) applications which are submitted by elected members of Angus Council, senior members of staff employed by Angus Council or those staff working closely with elected members;
 - (g) applications that are subject to Environmental Assessment Regulations.

For the avoidance of doubt, planning applications for determination by the Head of Planning and Transport, will include:

- (a) the refusal of applications which are contrary to the Development Plan;
- (b) applications attracting up to four individual letters of objection but excluding objections from Statutory consultees;
- (c) applications which are not progressing satisfactorily due to protracted delays in the submission of essential information e.g. Retail assessments, traffic impact assessments, by the applicant or agent; or
- (d) applications requiring a Section 75 Agreement.