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Dear Ann

Trump International Golf Links Scotland (TIGLS) Proposed Development of Golf Report at Menie Estate

I write further to your letter dated 4 March 2009 regarding the above and the Neil McDowall. meeting on 2 April 2009 attended by myself, for the Council, and yourself, and a for TIGLS.

It is our understanding that following discussions with Messra Sorial and Trump during the course of the meeting on 2 April, your instructions are to proceed accordingly with the submission of a revised planning application. You indicated that you would aim to submit that application by the end of this month, and we agreed that we would progress the application with a view to submitting it to a Full Council without any unnecessary delay. The first scheduled meeting of Council that it could reach is 1 October 2009 but we would be prepared to call a special meeting for this purpose if appropriate. We also indicated that the request for the Council to consider utilising its powers of compulsory purchase could be considered at the same meeting. Having reflected on this we are of the view that there may be some advantage in postponing this to the subsequent meeting, but this is something we can discuss further in the intervening period.

In terms of public relations and management of the inevitable media interest, I would request that we be given at least a week's notice of your intended submission data. Thereafter close liaison will be required between TIGLS and the Council's Corporate Communications Team on all media relations, in order that we can have a managed approach to what is inevitably going to be a difficult and emotive reaction, given that this new application will involve land outwith the applicant's ownership.

i hope that the above sets out a clear summary of our discussions on Thursday of last week, and that the course of action agreed at that meeting can now progress as described.

Yours sincerely

Christine Gore Director of Planning and Environmental Services

