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Councillor Stephen McCabe
Councillor Chris McEleny

By Email

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Dear Stephen and Chris

Thank you for your note.

As I noted at our meeting on 25th July there are some things that I am unable to share at this time. However it is important that you view this issue with a understanding of the position of both parties.

I refer to your email of 29 July, asking that we re-visit the CBC proposal.

We too have reviewed in detail, legal opinions provided by CBC, including those most recently provided to us. We do not concur with their position. It is still our view that the CBC proposal fails in a number of key areas and that significant legal risks remain. We have reached this conclusion following extensive engagement over a number of weeks with CBC and its advisors.

Scottish Ministers are committed to completion of the vessels, securing the jobs, and to the future of shipbuilding at the site. Our key focus now is to ensure that these aims are secured with a minimum of disruption and uncertainty. As we discussed, I am keen to engage with you in due course over the longer term future of the yard and its impact on the local Inverclyde economy.

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