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Your ref: AMH/276/1/1  
Our ref: SMC-ABC-008  
6 May 2020

Dear Madam

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979  
THE SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS)  
DIRECTION 2015**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL NORTH/SEA GATE OF  
TARBERT CASTLE**

I refer to the Directorate's letter of 9 April 2020.

Since it has not been possible to reach a decision on this case, Scottish Ministers have decided to extend the period for their consideration. Scottish Ministers hereby direct that you may not grant Scheduled Monument Consent before 4 June 2020 for the above mentioned development before hearing from Scottish Ministers who may during that time, require you to refer the application to them for decision.

Yours faithfully

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