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Historic Environment Scotland
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Your ref: 300044777
Our ref: SMC-ORK-004
6 October 2020

Dear Madam

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

**EXCAVATION OF THREE SMALL EVALUATION TRENCHES WITHIN AREA OF
CLOUSTON'S 1920's EXCAVATION TO CHARACTERISE AND DATE THE SITE AT THE
WIRK, TOWER AND HALL, WESTNESS, ROUSAY**

I refer to your letter of 14 September 2020 with which a copy of the scheduled monument consent application relating to the above development was notified to Scottish Ministers in accordance with the above mentioned Direction.

It is not Scottish Ministers' intention to intervene in this application by either issuing a direction restricting the granting of scheduled monument consent or by calling in the application for their own determination. Accordingly you, as determining authority are hereby authorised to deal with the application in a manner you think fit.

A copy of Planning and Architecture Division's assessment report into this application will shortly be available on our website at <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/planning-decisions-index/>

Yours faithfully

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