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Historic Scotland Email of 25 November 2014

Dear Ms Robinson

I am very sorry that we neglected to include a copy of the summary assessment of the cultural significance of the Tinkers' Heart with Mr Walford's letter to the Petitions Committee. I attach this here and apologise again for this oversight.

The Committee may wish to be aware that we have recently received an alternative view of the significance of the Tinkers' Heart to Travelling people. Another member of the Traveller community has emailed to say that most of the Traveller community had not heard of the Tinkers' Heart before the present petition and that, if it was a 'sacred' or very important Traveller site, knowledge would have been passed down from generation to generation. This correspondent notes that the Heart is accessible to any Travellers who wish to visit it and believes that it is being cared for adequately by its owner. They welcome the fact that it has not been scheduled.

Please don't hesitate to get back to me if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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