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(by e-mail)

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Dear Jennifer,

### Portobello Park Private Bill – New Portobello High School

I refer to your email of 10 April 2014 to Roy Brannen regarding the Portobello Private Park Bill and New Portobello High School and would, as Strategic Impacts Manager with responsibility for development management, respond as follows.

By way of background, I can confirm that Transport Scotland was formally consulted by City of Edinburgh Council in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment process and the Environmental Statement which was submitted in support of the planning application for the New School. I can also confirm, however, that given the nature, scale and location of the proposed development, Transport Scotland was not formally consulted on the planning application process therefore the contents of our letter of 28 October 2013 are restricted to the review of the Environmental Statement.

I would note that Transport Scotland's remit with regard to the review of the traffic and associated environmental impacts associated with new development is restricted to the Scottish Trunk Road Network. In the case of the New Portobello High School, the only Trunk Roads in the vicinity of the development site are the A1 and A720 routes which intersect at the Old Craighall junction some 3.2km south-east of the site. For the avoidance of doubt, the A1 road to the north-west of the A1/A720 Old Craighall junction is not part of the trunk road network nor is the A199 route.

In our term consultant JMP's letter of 28 October 2013, it was confirmed that Transport Scotland was satisfied that the proposed development would not give rise to any significant traffic or associated environmental impacts on the trunk road network. This conclusion was based on a review of the Environmental Statement rather than the Transport Assessment report.

I note your comment that CEC's recent response to the resident's group on issues raised was that "Transport Scotland supported all our proposals in their letter of 28th October 2013". For clarification, I would confirm that Transport Scotland was not formally consulted on the Planning Application. The agency was only consulted in relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment process and, in these circumstances, Transport Scotland neither supports nor objects to the proposals. We have sought to confirm that the proposals would not significantly impact upon the trunk road network which is what the response states.

In terms of the other issues raised in your letter upon which you have asked for Transport Scotland to comment (road safety on A199, drop-off locations, safety audit and traffic modelling on the A199 corridor), we would advise that all of these issues relate to the Local Road Network and, as such, lie outwith Transport Scotland's responsibilities. Therefore, they are issues for City of Edinburgh Council as the Local Roads Authority responsible for this part of the network to respond upon.

I trust that the above clarifies the position of Transport Scotland and please let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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