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**FAO - Garfield Prentice, Team Leader (South Area)**

Dear Sir

**CONSULTATION REQUEST FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR PROPOSED COMMUNITY AND SPORTS FACILITIES, FOOTBALL ACADEMY (COMPRISING OUTDOOR PITCHES, PAVILION, ANCILLARY BUILDINGS), STADIUM (20,000 CAPACITY), ANCILLARY USES, FORMATION OF ACCESS ROADS, PARKING AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND ENGINEERING WORKS AT LAND AT WEST KINGSFORD, SKENE ROAD, ABERDEEN, AB15 8QR**

Thank you for the consultation request on the above development which we received on the 17 January 2017. As previously advised the Council's formal response required to be agreed by the Infrastructure Services Committee meeting on 16 March 2017.

At this meeting it was agreed:

**To object to the application on the grounds that the proposal in its current composition and location would be contrary to the Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan (2014), which is up-to-date and relevant to this application. The proposal will result in the loss of greenbelt land, the coalescence of urban areas, inappropriately located development giving rise to unsustainable travel patterns and have a negative impact on the City Centre in terms of its mix of uses and lost revenue. The application is not in one of the two locations identified in the SDP and the applicant has not adequately justified why the stadium and training pitches etc. need to be co-located or why sequentially preferable sites have been dismissed as unsuitable.**



I trust that the above is order but should you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above then please contact Mairi Stewart, Planning Manager on 01569 768266 or [mairi.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:mairi.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully



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