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Dear Mr Campbell

Trump International Golf Links Limited

**Application for Outline Planning Permission – Golf Resort and Complex
F/APP/2006/4605**

Menie Park Lodge, Menie Estate, Balmedie

I act for Trump International Golf Links Scotland, whose application for planning permission was considered by the Council's Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 29 November. Following the Committee's decision on a casting vote to refuse planning permission, there has been substantial evidence of unprecedented public opposition to the Committee's decision. I am unaware of any other planning decision that has created such immediate and substantial reaction from members of the local community as currently being witnessed in this case.

This reaction from the public is a new material consideration in the determination of my client's application. You will be aware that it is open to you to refer an application back to Committee should a new material consideration emerge before the decision notice has been issued by the Council. On behalf of my client, I therefore ask that you make arrangements to refer this application back to the Infrastructure Committee together with a report setting out the facts in relation to public reaction to their decision on 29 November.

Our new statutory planning framework centres on effective community engagement to ensure that the views of the local community are properly taken into account by the planning authority. The importance of this approach is set out in the national policy document – Your Place, Your Plan. I would be grateful if you would therefore confirm that you will act in the interests of sound decision making and ensure that the Infrastructure Committee has the opportunity to assess all of the material considerations in relation to my client's application before it is determined.

Yours sincerely

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For and on behalf of Dundas & Wilson CS LLP

cc Trump International Golf Links