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Our ref: AMH/12992/1/1
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Dear Sirs

**Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
The Scheduled Monument Consent (Notification of Applications) Direction 2015
Construction of Replica Iron Age Roundhouse in the Glebe Field
Statutory Designation: Whithorn Priory, Monastic Settlement and Priory
Designation Reference: M12992**

A scheduled monument consent application was received by us on 04 April for the construction of a replica Iron Age Roundhouse, which affects the scheduled monument known as Whithorn Priory, Monastic Settlement and Priory.

We are minded to grant scheduled monument consent for the works contained in the application. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the above Direction, we are notifying Scottish Ministers of our intention. Our reasons, which are set out in our Report on Handling, are:

- The application, being for the erection of a new building, should be viewed as works as set out in both Part 1 Section 2 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 (AMAA Act 1979) and section 3.4 of the Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statement, June 2016.
- The application is for a significant addition to the monument that would not be in keeping with its date, character or spiritual attributes, but would form part of a wider community engagement and schools learning project and crucial to the applicants' long term sustainability. It is more than the minimum necessary to conserve what is culturally significant in this scheduled monument.
- The application is compliant with the policy statement, paragraphs 3.19, 3.20 and 3.22, and demonstrates that there is a public benefit of national importance and that it is carefully considered, is based on good authority, sensitively designed and properly planned.

All the information and details relevant to the application can be found on the decisions portal on our website using reference number 201508243. The link to the portal is: <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot>



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Yours faithfully

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