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Dear Susan

#### **EDINBURGH AIRPORT RAIL LINK**

I refer to our meeting on 12 August and have pleasure in confirming Scottish Enterprise Fife support for the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link initiative.

As we discussed at our meeting, at a national level, Scottish Enterprise is committed to securing development of the Scottish economy by improving our international links and in Fife this is exemplified by the recent investment in the Rosyth to Zeebrugge ferry link and in terms of the air connections, the Air Route Development Fund which is administered by Scottish Enterprise, has sought to increase the connectivity of Scotland to the global economy.

Therefore, from a national perspective, given the priority which is attached to the development of Scotland's airports, and in particular Edinburgh Airport, it is clearly essential that the latter is as connected as possible to the entire geography of Scotland.

With specific reference to the Scottish Enterprise Fife and the Fife Local Economic Development Strategy, we view it as essential that our business base is connected to the airport in order to capitalise on the opportunities presented by the global economy and in particular, international customers.

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A key part of the Local Economic Development Strategy is to maximise the opportunities presented by the growth of Edinburgh and to ensure that Fife plays an appropriate role in the development of the wider metropolitan city region. The 20 Year Land Plan anticipates up to 35,000 houses being built in Fife and as Fife becomes more closely integrated to Edinburgh, access to the airport is essential.

In our opinion, given both the national and regional strategic objectives that we are pursuing, the rail link to the airport is an essential piece of infrastructure that will not only improve our access to rail routes, but will also give an additional rail station in the east of Scotland.

Given our strong support for this initiative, if I can therefore be of any further assistance or if you need any amplification of the aforementioned points, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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