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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan - Proposed Plan
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Dear Sir/Madam;

I refer to your letter dated 05 October 2018 regarding the consultation for the above plan.

Scottish Water would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Aberdeen City & Shire Strategic Development Plan 2018.

As well as the previous comments given in the MIR consultation dated 17 May 2018; the following refers to Part 6, subsection 6.6 of the Consultation Document.

6 – Our Resources

Subsection 6.6

The River Dee is an important environmental as well as economic asset, as well as being the region's main source of drinking water. It is a designated a Special Area of Conservation reflecting its environmental importance. This resource is under pressure and, as a result, managing the use of water and increasing water is vital. During and beyond the period of this Plan, the effects of climate change and increasing water demand from development may affect the river. Both Councils need to work together to reduce impacts on the River Dee. Appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures may have to be taken, and this could include measures to reduce the amount of water that Scottish Water is licensed to take from the River Dee.

In regard to the final sentence of 6.6 above, Scottish Water would make the following comment: any variation to 'The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (as amended)' Licence would be initiated by SEPA. SEPA as the Regulator is responsible for setting licence conditions and under the regulations may vary a licence if necessary. SEPA will have an overview of the current and any future impacts to the River Dee and as such, may take measures that it deems necessary for its protection.

Scottish Water will continue to work with the Regulator to ensure that licence conditions are met, and that any changes or requests are adhered to.

I trust that the above information is acceptable in line with your consultation, should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours Sincerely

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