## **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT**

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Dear Mr McGowan

Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 and Amendment Regulations 2017 EIA Screening Opinion - Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme

I refer to your request for the adoption of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion for the proposed Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme under the provisions of the above Regulations (2010) and as amended (2017).

We have considered the information contained within the EIA scoping submissions, responses of consultees at the scoping stage and other supporting information. The proposed Scheme is a major infrastructure project. Taking into account the scale of the scheme, the spatial extent of change to the environment and landscape, the benefits of the project in relation to the protection of the environment, people, and industry and, the potentially harmful effects of flooding it is considered the Scheme has the potential for significant environmental impacts. An EIA Report is therefore required for the reasons set out at scoping stage.

Any changes to the project, depending on their nature, could require a further screening opinion to be issued. It is important therefore that continuous engagement with the Falkirk Council Planning Service continues throughout the process.

Yours sincerely

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