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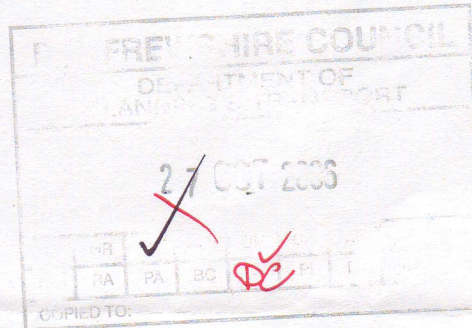
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Dear Mr Russell,



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**REDEVELOPMENT OF ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY, BISHOPTON  
OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 06/0602/PP**

Thank you for giving RSPB Scotland the opportunity to comment on this application and Environmental Statement for the redevelopment at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Bishopton and please accept our apologies on our delay in replying.

We are pleased to see that a large part of the site will be undeveloped and indeed part of which will have public access facilities so that local residents will enjoy these wild areas. We therefore **do not object** to this application if the mitigation for barn owls is fully implemented as stated in section 14.61 of the EIA as well as timing of works are adhered to outside the breeding season for all bird species.

There should be a special provision given to creating more long grassland habitats, which will support voles for the owls to feed on. This may involve thinning out some of the commercial plantation areas in Zone 4, and having areas of long grass in Zone 3, which creates more foraging areas for the birds.

There is some wildfowl interest at the site and we welcome the proposals for new ponds and wet areas in the Community Woodland Park. These new ponds will hopefully continue to attract this group of birds to the site, which are likely to be displaced as a result of this development. The ponds they currently use will be within a residential area and the disturbance associated with this type of environment will not be attractive to these birds.

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Yvonne Boles  
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