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19 December 2006,

Dear Mr Russell,

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING & TRANSPORT

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COPIED TO:

**PLANNING APPLICATION FOR ENGINEERING OPERATIONS COMPRISING
REMEDICATION AND RECLAMATION EARTHWORKS AT ROYAL ORDNANCE
SITE, STATION ROAD, BISHOPTON.
PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 06/1119/PP**

**PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDFILL
FACILITY AT WESTERN EDGE (EAST OF TURNINGSHAW ROAD) OF THE
ROYAL ORDNANCE SITE, STATION ROAD, BISHOPTON.
PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 06/1154/PP**

Thank you for giving RSPB Scotland the opportunity to offer comments on the above planning applications. The Environmental Statements have been very thorough in their consideration of impacts on the barn owls using the site to breed, roost and hunt and detailed mitigation proposals, which will help reduce the effect of this development on them. Therefore, we have **no concerns** regarding these applications if the ecological and mitigation strategies are fully implemented. This will help many other species for example kingfisher, woodland and farmland birds in the area.

The key points are:

- Providing nesting and roosting alternatives in advance of the reclamation and remediation works.
- Recreation of high quality feeding habitat, which will continue to support up to 3 breeding pairs in the area.
- Identification of adjacent suitable land, which given appropriate habitat enhancement, would allow for the emigration of surplus owls.

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- Buildings and trees will be checked for all birds (nesting and roosting) prior to dismantling or felling. If discovered they must left undisturbed until breeding has finished or moved to another roost.

RSPB are able to assist in providing advice on habitat recreation and enhancement, design and siting of nestboxes etc... to benefit a wide range of bird species and if required please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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