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Dear Mr Bryce

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & TRANSPORT									
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Re: Planning Application No. 06/1154/PP – Construction of a landfill facility at Western Edge (East of Turningshaw Road) of the Royal Ordnance Site, Station Road, Bishopton

Our Ref: GLA1088

I refer to your letter dated 08 November 2006, received in this office on 09 November 2006 and my 'hold' letter of the 23/11/06.

I have received a reply from our consultants and our comments are as follows

Reed Beds

The reed beds would cover areas of open water which would make them less attractive to feral geese and gulls. *Phragmites Australis* would provide year round cover, as it does not die back in winter. Reed beds can provide a suitable habitat for starling roosts to form, so we would wish to see a Bird Management Plan implemented to prevent this from happening.

Recommend: We would be happy for this to be covered by a condition, we have wording for a condition that we have used on other sites that could be used for this site, subject to your agreement.

Berry Bearing Species

Berry bearing species are attractive to winter thrushes and starlings, therefore should be kept to less than 20% of the planting palette. They should be interspersed with non berry bearing species, so as not to form pockets of exploitable habitat for these birds.

Recommend: At the present time the average amount of berry bearing species works out at around 31.25%, we would like to see this reduced to 20% or below of the total planting palette.

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Tree Species

Woodland core mixes north and south contain high percentages of Pendunculate Oak *Quercus Robur*, Sessile Oak *Quercus Petraea* and Scots Pine *Pinus Sylvestris*. These canopy forming trees are attractive to corvids and woodpigeons. Deciduous woodland currently lies to the south of the application site, extending this habitat further could potentially increase the population of these birds. Therefore canopy forming trees should be kept to a minimum and be interspersed with other species.

Recommend: That the above mentioned species are reduced.

Planting Centres

The Woodland Plant Mixes drawing states that trees and shrubs are to be planted with 1.5m centre in groups of 10 to 25. Planting centres for all large trees should be at least 4m to prevent the development of large stands of trees capable of attracting and supporting breeding and roosting colonies of hazardous birds.

Recommend: That the planting centres for large trees are increased to 4m.

If it is not possible to either impose conditions or make the above amendments, we would need to object to this application on bird strike issues.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of Glasgow Airport Limited