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**Your ref:**

Dear Mr Cronin

MINERALS AND WASTE JOINT PLAN EXAMINATIONS - EIP

I refer to your letter dated 18 May 2018 and note the contents.

As you may be aware the Inspector for the Examination has requested a consultation in connection with the Written Ministerial Statement HCW 690 published on the 17 May 2018 (WMS) as it is a material consideration in the context of the Plan. Once the representations have come in on the consultation the Inspector has requested that the Authorities consider the implications of the WMS for the Plan, if any and respond to representations on it. Rather than respond to your letter at this point the Authorities will review your representation along with any others received as part of consultation and will prepare a single response for the Inspector to consider.

Your letter also seems to suggest that we have not engaged with your request for a meeting. On the contrary, we have responded seeking clarification on the matters you wished to discuss so that if a meeting were to proceed the best use of time could be made. We see that you have provided some wording for Policy M17 (4)(i), but have a note that you indicated that you provide wording in connection with surface development for us to consider and as yet we have not received any. It would be helpful if you could submit proposed wording to us as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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