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Dear Sirs

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 Section 8(1)  
Determination  
00583 Post-Examination Modifications to Proposed Midlothian  
Local Development Plan**

Midlothian Council hereby determines that its post-examination modifications to the proposed Midlothian Local Development Plan are unlikely to have significant environmental effects. As such, environmental assessment is not required in respect of same.

These modifications omit one of the modifications referred to in the Council's screening submission of 31 July 2017, which set out the modifications recommended by the Reporter:

*"Modify the proposed local development plan by:  
2. Showing the white land within The Bush (north and east of business site b4 and west of strategic employment allocation Bt3) as "open space (outside settlement area)" on the proposals maps."*

It is considered that the Reporter has misinterpreted the reference to open space designation in the plan and on the proposals map in respect of its application within town and village settlement boundaries and has incorrectly applied it to the Midlothian Science Zone policy boundary. It is intended to prepare a statement to this effect for inclusion with the modified plan submitted to Scottish Ministers.

It is not considered that omission of this recommended modification from the modifications actually made by the Council is material enough to require the Council to re-submit a summary of views as to the likelihood of significant environmental effects.

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### **Statement of Reasons for Determination**

The Council's views as to the likelihood of significant environmental effects arising were set out in its screening submission of 31 July 2017. The consultation authorities' views concurred with the Council's views. The Council is not aware of any good reason for determining other than that no significant environmental effects are likely.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'BF.' in a stylized, cursive font.

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