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Mrs E G Mogg 2 Burnbank Carnock Dunfermline KYI2 9JF

Dear Mrs Mogg,

I refer to your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2006 which I received on my return from holiday.

I am pleased that you were received in an appropriate manner but I would not have expected anything less.

Any statement made in the press regarding the Business School contains exactly what the position is at the moment. There is an ongoing feasibility study which covers many aspects, only one of which is the possible location. It would be irresponsible for the Board of Trustees not to examine any proposal that is possibly in the interests of the Park and the Town of Dunfermline and that is exactly what we continue to do as Mr Carnegie instructed us. Indeed, we have been doing this for a number of years since we started to look at the 10-year plan.

In your letter you state: "We are simply opposed to the suggestion that such an establishment should take away part of our heritage without any public consultation".

I have said on more than one occasion and can only repeat that if and when there is something to consult about, we will do just that. At the moment there is nothing we could consult about.

The Trust has conducted its business in private for over 100 years and will continue to do so. As with all such trusts, however, we are rightly governed by Rules of Charity Law and publish our Annual Report and audited accounts. We are also subject to the scrutiny of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Let me try and put in context the question of commercialisation of our activities.

To make a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund it is necessary to have a Business Plan for areas of the Park such as the pavilion, the greenhouse area and Pittencrieff House along with a general maintenance structure. To underpin that plan it is essential that we create a revenue stream from some other source or sources to build that plan. I can assure you in answer to your statement about there being no need for the Park to make money, that is just not the case as has been made clear to me by HLF. Our desire is to do only what is necessary to achieve the provision of a Park fit for the purpose of providing a whole range of uses such as we have at the moment and beyond that.

The Board of Trustees is made up of 20 very experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated individuals with the widest some of skills and interests who have control the trust and the

community for many years. We are in dialogue with the community on a regular basis and in the last 5 years we have been involved with over 170 groups, organisations and the like. I do not know of any organisation in this town, or indeed in any other town, where that kind of community involvement and dialogue takes place.

You can be assured that the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust has only the interests of the people of Dunfermline at heart and examination of any project will be conducted in the same scrupulous manner as has been the case in the past.

Yours sincerely,

Angus M Hogg Chairman