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Reference Number: 08/02245/DET  
Applicants Name: Scottish Water  
Application Type: Detailed  
Application Description: Stabilisation of rock face: erection of Waste Water Treatment Works and ancillary development and alterations to existing access.  
Location: Bullwood Quarry, Bullwood Road, Dunoon

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

### **A FURTHER INFORMATION**

1. My report dated 31 March 2009 advised that The Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction requires all EIA developments to be notified to Scottish Ministers.
2. On 1 April 2009, Scottish Ministers published Circular 3/2009 which advises that
  - Historically, planning applications have routinely been notified to Scottish Ministers where one or more specified triggers have been met. Most of those triggers have been matters such as decisions to grant consent being made which are out of accord with development plan and/or national planning policy, or where objections had been lodged by certain government departments or agencies. In practice though, this has led to a high number of applications, many of a very minor nature, being notified to Scottish Ministers even though there was no realistic prospect of Ministers intervening by calling the applications in. Consistently, around 90% of planning applications notified to Scottish Ministers have not subsequently been called in. This has not been an efficient way to operate, adding to the workload of local authorities as well as the Scottish Government, and also adding substantially to applicants' timescales for a decision on their planning applications.
  - For this reason, the Scottish Government is now introducing a more proportionate system for national involvement in planning cases, which retains an appropriate level of national scrutiny in circumstances where the Scottish Government should rightly be involved, but removes from the notification process the vast majority of applications which raise no issues of national interest.
3. Consequently, the Circular includes the revised Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 2009 which includes a more restricted schedule of developments which require to be notified to the Ministers. Notably, this does not include EIA developments.
4. As a result, should Members be minded to approve the current application, it will not be necessary to notify Scottish Ministers.

### **(B) RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore recommended that planning permission be **Granted** subject to the conditions and reasons together with '*notes to the applicant*' set out in my original report.

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