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Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP
Secretary of State for Defence



26th February 2017

Dear Secretary of State,

MoD Forthside land donation to Stirling Council

I am writing to you regarding the above. You may be aware that I raised this matter recently in the Scottish Parliament in relation to the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal.

It is my understanding that, during a recent visit to the area, Scotland Office Minister, Lord Duncan, indicated that the Ministry of Defence land at Forthside – which is due to be vacated of Army activities by 2022 – would be donated to Stirling Council and the contaminated land treated as part of the UK Government’s contribution to the City Region Deal. I was disappointed to have it confirmed by the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy Jobs and Fair Work, Keith Brown MSP, that he was no longer under the impression that this particular offer still stood.

You will be aware that the Forthside area plays an important role in the business and development plan being considered for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal. The land in question must therefore come under the control of Stirling Council in order for these plans to proceed.

I would be grateful for your comments on this matter and confirmation as to whether or not the promise of MoD land being donated to Stirling Council – and the contaminated land being treated - as part of the City Region Deal still stands.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. B. Crawford".

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