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Attention: Ailsa McGregor

Dear Ailsa,

***Prior Approval Applications to CEC***

Further to our letter, ULE90130-SW-LET-00457 dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007, this letter is to advise **tie** that SDS are delayed in the submission of the Haymarket Tramstop (A25440) and Murrayfield Tramstop (A26650) Prior Approval submissions to CEC.

SDS are aware that **tie** are preparing a letter to CEC on the 'approvals vs. procurement' issue. However, SDS have not been informed on the status of this letter, or any subsequent discussion with regards to this issue which is causing SDS the delay noted above.

The procurement issue has been discussed with CEC Planning officers and Aileen Grant (Dundas and Wilson) at recent Informal consultation meetings (dated 11/01/07, 22/01/07 and 05/02/07) and CEC have made it clear that any Prior Approval submissions would not be accepted until this matter is resolved. The minutes of these meetings have been previously provided to **tie**.

Please note that SDS will be delayed on all further submissions for Prior Approval to CEC until such a time that **tie** are able to advise SDS as to the resolution to the 'approvals vs. procurement' issue.

Yours sincerely

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