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Dear Mr Paterson

Dunduff Quarry – Consolidated Planning Application.

Further to our earlier correspondence, and in particular your helpful letter of 25th June 2010, I have continued to receive representations from constituents regarding the above planning application. I have met with residents of Lesmahagow, Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill to discuss Paterson's proposals and have also conducted a survey of residents in Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill.

I want to stress that I welcome and support efforts to reroute haulage lorries away from Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill. I have every sympathy with residents who have been affected by this traffic over the years, and I welcome the recognition that Paterson's has also given to these concerns by proposing an alternative route.

This very recognition that the quarry traffic gives rise to concern among affected residents, however, should in my opinion also apply to those residents in Lesmahagow who will be affected by the proposed alternative route. Residents from the 'Clannochdyke' estate and other developments off Strathaven Road continue to express their serious concern at the likely impact of the current proposed alternative route. The presence of a new supermarket at the end of Teiglum Road with the addition traffic this generates, and further proposed housing off Strathaven Road would suggest these concerns may be exacerbated in the future.

I understand that a number of residents likely to be affected by the proposed alternative route have put a considerable amount of work into developing further possible alternatives. It would be helpful if you could indicate whether Paterson's would be prepared to meet with myself (or staff from my office during my maternity leave) and/or some of the individuals who have developed possible alternatives to discuss these. I have also written to South Lanarkshire Council on this matter, and a copy of that letter is enclosed for your information. It would also be helpful if this could be taken forward without delaying overall timescales for rerouting the lorries away from Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill.

I understand that many residents in Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill are grateful for ongoing dialogue with Paterson's over the years about the impact of the current route, and I would be grateful if you could indicate whether Paterson's intends to undertake such a dialogue with residents on the proposed alternative route should it be approved. It would also be helpful if you could outline whether and how Paterson's intends to monitor the impact of the rerouted lorries, and what steps it would be prepared to take to mitigate any negative impacts identified.

With many thanks for your attention to this matter,

Yours sincerely,

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