



Via email to: [REDACTED]

16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Friends of Dundonald Castle Visitors Centre – Asset Transfer Request

I am writing to confirm our support for the Friends of Dundonald Castle application to South Ayrshire Council for an asset transfer request for the visitor centre and adjacent land.

Archaeology Scotland is a leading independent charity working to inspire people to discover, explore, care for and enjoy Scotland's archaeological heritage. We work closely with the Friends of Dundonald Castle on a number of educational initiatives and other partnership projects and are always aware of the high standards, innovative thinking and the depth of local engagement achieved by the work of the Friends.

Having visited the site on many occasions, we fully support this application - it is comprehensive and well informed. We understand there is a long-term relationship with Historic Environment Scotland and that this relationship is mutually beneficial and has led to the success of the work of the Friends. We note also that there is clear support and engagement from the local community. The current visitor centre, built and funded by South Ayrshire Council and occupied by the Friends of Dundonald Castle, is no longer fit for purpose and is holding back the future development of the site as a visitor centre and an educational hub.

Yours faithfully

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Director