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Dear Sir Anthony

GREEN INVESTMENT BANK

Members of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group read with interest the recent press release published by BIS entitled "32 sites bid to host the Green Investment Bank".

Having looked at the list of sites there are two Scottish areas in the bidding round – Edinburgh and Renfrewshire. We believe that Edinburgh was encouraged by Scottish Enterprise while the Renfrewshire bid was initiated and led by the Council.

The reason we are writing to you is to ask whether this was the subject of any discussions at the CNSRP Executive Board given that Business (financial services) is one of the key priority areas of the CNSRP programme.

We would have expected the partnership to have considered this and called upon others to help put a bid together and indeed we were very disappointed not to see Caithness or Highlands feature in this press release.

We would like to know whether the Executive Board considered this and if not, then why was it not considered as something which could have benefited from the partnership working that has been established through CNSRP.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Sent electronically without signature

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