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Date: 06 January 2025

Dear Mr Cook,

MARINE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010, PART 4 MARINE LICENSING

The Golf House - Sand Removal - Elie, Fife

I refer to your application for a marine licence in respect of the above proposal.

I am sorry to inform you that Marine Directorate – Licensing Operations Team (MD-LOT), acting on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, has determined that a Marine Licence will not be granted in respect of this application.

When determining a Marine Licence, Scottish Ministers must have regard for the need to protect the environment, protect human health and prevent interference with legitimate uses of the sea. Scottish Ministers must also take any authorisation decision in accordance with any Marine Plan, including Scotland's National Marine Plan¹.

The reason for not granting a marine licence for the proposed activity is that the removal of sand from a coastal system with adjacent coastal erosion could impact negatively on the overall resilience of the system. In combination with the fact that alternative sources of sand exist, Scottish Ministers have determined not to grant a Marine Licence.

Under the [Marine Licensing Appeals \(Scotland\) Regulations 2011](#) (S.S.I. 2011/203), you are entitled to appeal if you are dissatisfied with the licensing decision. An appeal may be lodged in any sheriff court in Scotland and must be lodged no later than 21 days after the date of this letter.

All correspondence or communications relating to this letter or the marine licence should be sent to MD.MarineLicensing@gov.scot

Yours sincerely,

Claire Crookston

Marine Directorate - Licensing Operations Team

¹ [3. Vision, Objectives and Approach to Policies - Scotland's National Marine Plan - gov.scot](#)