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To: Richard Crozier 10 Kellieside Park Kinross KY13 0NR From:

Chief Constable Jo Farrell

Tayside Ops Planning D Division PO Box 59 West Bell Street Dundee DD1 9JU 01382 591510

Dear Mr Crozier

Ref: EcoRally Scotland 2025 – 25th-27th July 2025

I refer to your email correspondence regarding your proposal to hold the above event. In recent years there has been an explosive growth in sponsored, fun and athletic events taking place on public roads and I have to inform that, following several fatal and serious collisions involving participants and other road users, it is the policy of the Associations of Chief Police Officers in England and Wales and the Executive of Police Scotland to discourage the staging of such events on these roads.

The activities of fund raising groups, particularly those raising money for charities, are laudable. However, most roads are carrying increasing columns of motor traffic and few are suitable for slow moving groups or individuals. Invariably, some form of hazard is created thereby placing participants and other road users at risk.

Checks have been carried out and I can report that we have not been notified of any significant events that would cause any potential conflict or issues of concern.

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I have noted your intended route and arrangements and can advise that there are no foreseeable issues identified with your proposal, providing that all participants obey the laws of the road, adhere to all road traffic legislation, ensure good road behaviour and full compliance with the Highway Code.

In light of the foregoing, and in keeping with the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Competitions & Trials) (Scotland) Regulations 1976, I can advise that the Chief Constable agrees to your event in the absence of key grounds for objection.

I would like to highlight however, that it is your responsibility as event organiser to contact the appropriate roads authority regarding any proposed roadwork's/road closures that may impact on your event.

In addition, I must emphasise once again, that all participants must obey the laws of the road and ensure that no danger or inconvenience is caused to other road users. Notwithstanding, all drivers must also ensure the roadworthiness of their vehicle and that a valid certificate of insurance is in place to cover third party risks.

May I wish you and all your members/participants a safe event.

Yours sincerely

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