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Dear Ms Skinner

**CYCLE EVENT - HAZLEHEAD PARK TO MARISCHAL COLLEGE,  
ABERDEEN - 25 APRIL 2015**

I refer to your email on 27 February 2015 regarding your proposal to hold the above event.

In recent years there has been an explosive growth in sponsored, fun and athletic events 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 Association of Chief Police Officers in England and Wales and the Executive of Police Scotland to discourage the staging of such events on a road.

Most roads are carrying increasing numbers 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.

Although you do not require permission from the Police to stage the event, should you decide to go ahead it is appropriate that you develop a suitable strategy to address any identified risks associated with this event.

To this end, I would refer you to the document "Galas and Events Affecting Public Roads - Guidance to Observers" which has been produced by the Scottish Government and can be accessed via the website,

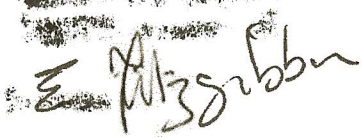
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www.scotland.gov.uk. I would advise you that, if a collision occurs, this document would be freely available for reference in the event of any subsequent enquiry.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Fitzgibbon', written over a dark, textured rectangular area that likely represents a stamp or official seal.

Inspector Fitzgibbon  
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