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EEF/HMM/K/7.

7th June, 1946.

W. Skinner, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th of June and
for the information you give me.

I am glad to note that the runways are being
kept in good order.

Yours faithfully,

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B.M.

10th June 46

The Under Secretary of State,
Air Ministry,
London, W.C. 2.

Sir, Dornoch Links.

With reference to your letter of 4th instant, I have to inform you that the Landing Ground has been out of use since the departure of the R.A.F. last year and that no arrangements have been made with Scottish Airways for the use of the Runways.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Town-Clerk.

Temple Bar 5411

TEL: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Extn.

Communications relating to this letter should be addressed to:-

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

quoting:- "A. 198922/41/W.

Your Ref. a. 5.



AIR MINISTRY,
LONDON, W.C.2.

4th June, 1946.

Sir,

Dornoch Links

With reference to the claim which you have submitted on April 5th last, I understand that the Scottish Aviation Company are using the east to west runway on the landing field. I shall esteem it a favour if you will be good enough to advise me whether your council propose to make this a permanent arrangement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Director of Lands and
Requisitioning

W. Skinner, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Town Clerks Office,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.

*No arrangements
yet been made since
R.A.F. Dept.*



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14th May, 1946.

Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th of May on the subject of Dornoch being incorporated in the Air Transport Routes of the North of Scotland. The question of Dornoch is under consideration, but I cannot see any hope of placing it on the air map this year, as everything is in a somewhat chaotic condition owing to the change over from war to peace operations, and also the impending Nationalisation of Air Routes.

I think there would be great inducement to the Air Ministry if a mail contract could be extracted out of the Post Office for Dornoch, Golspie and Helmsdale. I suggest, therefore, that the three Town Councils, and, if possible the County Council of Sutherlandshire, should press the Post Office for an air mail service. That in turn would cause the Post Office to make enquiries from us, and we in turn would then have the necessary ammunition to go to the Air Ministry with.

In any event, it seems a great pity that the aerodrome is being allowed to go to rack and ruin. A Mr. Carr of the Air Ministry called in to see us the other day, and/

P.T.O.

B.M.

9th May

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Captain E. E. Fresson, O.B.E.,
Scottish Airways Ltd.,
Struthers Lane,
Academy Street,
Inverness.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the Town Council to write you in the hope that you may be able to give us some information as to the position our landing ground is to take in the Air Transport Routes of the North of Scotland.

At the moment I quite appreciate that things are rather obscure, but information you may be able to give in regard to the future use of the ground will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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STRUTHERS LANE
ACADEMY STREET
INVERNESS

REF/HMM.

13th November, 1948.

The Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th of November.
I shall be very pleased to visit you. Would Friday next,
12 mid-day, suit? If the answer is in the affirmative, I
will fly over and land on the now de-requisitioned aerodrome.

Yours faithfully,

Phoned Capt Fresson

11.30

12th November 45

E.L. Fresson, Esq., O.B.E.,
Scottish Airways Limited,
Struthers Lane,
Academy Street,
Inverness.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 30th ulto.

I now have had an opportunity of placing your letter before the Town Council and in view of your kind offer to assist the Council with the Air Ministry, I have been instructed to invite you to visit Wornoch in order to discuss the whole question with Provost Murray, Bailie Munro and myself.

The Landing Ground has now been de-requisitioned and if you will kindly give me two days notice of the date of your visit I shall be very pleased to arrange for our Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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30th October, 1945.

The Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your communication of the 22nd of October, together with enclosures. I rather doubt the Air Ministry will be prepared to take Dornoch over as a civil aerodrome as was suggested in your letter to Lord Winster.

My object in writing you was to ask your assistance to see that the runways were not disturbed by building bunkers on them. It is presumed the Council will wish to relay the golf course on the Links once the aerodrome is de-requisitioned, and, if it could be so arranged that the bunkers and putting greens are designed to be off the runways, a natural aerodrome would then be available for any traffic which might accrue for Dornoch.

If we can assist your Council at all with the Air Ministry, we shall be only too pleased to do so.

Yours faithfully,

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W. Skinner.

22nd. October,

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E. E. Fresson, Esq., O.B.E.,
Director
Scottish Airway Ltd.,
Struthers Lane,
Academy Street,
Inverness.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 19th instant.
I can assure you that the Town Council have every intention
of retaining the landing ground on the above links.

I have been in communication with the
Minister of Civil Aviation and for your information I enclose a
copy of my letter and the Ministry's reply thereto.

I am sure the Town Council will appreciate
your interest in the ground and with the cordial co-operation
of all concerned, I hope to see it usefully serving the community
in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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STRUTHERS LANE
ACADEMY STREET
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19th October, 1945.

The Town Clerk,
DORNOCH.

Dear Sir,

We are advised by the Directorate of the Department of Civil Aviation that M.A.P. are shortly de-requisitioning the Dornoch Golf Links, and, incidentally, the two splendid air strips which have been constructed thereon.

No application has been made to the Air Ministry to retain these strips for post war civil air services. This seems to us a pity, as you will recollect that in the early days prior to the war there was a certain amount of air traffic developing for Dornoch. Had the landing area been better, we have no doubt more air traffic would have taken place in pre-war days than actually did.

Under these circumstances, we venture to enquire if you will submit to your Council that the air strips should not be destroyed, and, if it is the intention to reconstruct a new Golf Course, bunkers and obstructions should be so arranged as to be clear of the air strips. Perhaps you will be so kind as to let us know whether this request can be met at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,
SCOTTISH AIRWAYS LIMITED.

[Signature]
.....
Director.

Tel. No.
HOLBORN 3434. Ext _____
Correspondence on the subject of
this letter should be addressed to
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
MINISTRY OF CIVIL
AVIATION, _____



MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION,

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ARIEL HOUSE,

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.2.

and should quote the reference

R.7635/45/CH3

Your ref _____

13th September, 1945.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 31st August, 1945, addressed to Lord Winster, concerning the future use of the airfield at Dornoch, I am directed to inform you that the availability of service airfields for civil air services and civil flying generally is at the moment under active consideration.

2. The Committee recently appointed to consider the future use and retention of all types of airfields in the United Kingdom has not yet completed its deliberations and, until decisions are made known, it is not possible for the Department to say which service airfields will be retained for permanent use in the future and which can be made available either partly or wholly for civil air transport or other forms of civil flying activities.

3. I am to assure you that your remarks concerning Dornoch will be given due consideration in discussions regarding the future of the airfield, and air transport services.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)
The Town Clerk,
Town Clerk's Office,
Dornoch,
Sutherland,
SCOTLAND.

W. Skinner.

31st. August, 45

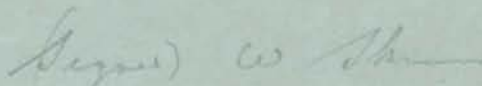
Lord Winster,
Minister of Civil Aviation,
Aerial House, Strand,
London, W.C.2.

My Lord,

The Town Council have had under consideration the merits of the existing Aircraft Landing Ground on the lower links and its possible development in the future. The Council feel that it would be beyond them to establish a Municipal Aerodrome on the site but would welcome any interest your department would take in the matter.

A civil landing ground at Dornoch would undoubtedly prove a tremendous asset, not only to the local inhabitants, but to the County of Sutherland as a whole. In this connection I have been instructed to ask if you would kindly keep Dornoch in mind when the planning of Scottish Air Routes are under consideration.

I have the honour to be your
Lordship's most Obedient Servant,



Town Clerk.



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AIR MINISTRY,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.
9th January, 1945.

Dear Town Clerk,

Thank you for your letter, from which I have noted with interest the views of the Town Council concerning the future development of the landing ground on the lower links at Dornoch for post-war civil aviation.

The planning of air routes is now, however, the responsibility of the Minister for Civil Aviation, and I have therefore passed your letter to Lord Swinton in order that the interests of Dornoch may be borne in mind when the planning of air routes in Scotland is considered.

The existing landing ground at Dornoch is not at the present time under the control of my Department but is being administered by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Yours sincerely,

W. Skinner, Esq.,
Town Clerk's Office,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.

B.M.

18th October

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W. Skinner,

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Bart., M.P.,
Air Ministry,
London, W.C. 2.

Dear Sir Archibald,

At a recent Meeting of the Town Council, they discussed the merits of the existing Aircraft Landing Ground on the lower Links and its possible development in the immediate post-war years. It is the general opinion of the Council that a Civil Landing Ground would be a tremendous asset in the future flying era, not only to Berneck, but the County of Netherland. In this connection I have been instructed to ask if you would kindly keep us in mind when the planning of Scottish Air Routes come up for consideration.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Town Clerk.