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30 August 2023

Dear

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (2002).

I now respond to your request as follows:

1. *Please confirm if you have found a presence of, or suspect there might be some Reinforce Aerated Autoclaved Concrete (RAAC) in any of your campus buildings or student accommodations. sic*

Due to the dates our campus buildings were constructed it is unlikely that Reinforced Aerated Autoclaved Concrete was used/is present.

2. *Please confirm if you have not found any RAAC, whether surveys are being carried out to ensure there is none.*

We have liaised with an external surveyor in regard to our various campus buildings. We have been advised that the RAAC panels of the type that are causing concern were used during the 1960-80's and buildings pre or post-dating this period are unlikely to be affected.

Given the construction dates of all our campus buildings falls pre and post these timeframes, he has advised that inspections are not a matter of urgency.

3. *Where you have found, or suspect there may be RAAC, please confirm what action you have taken.*

N/A

4. *Please provide a copy of any correspondence you have had with either the Scottish Government or the Scottish Funding Council about the finding or suspected presence of RAAC in any of your campus buildings and student accommodations.*

Please refer to the attached enclosure – Scottish Funding Council – Request for Information. A response to this request is currently in progress.

I trust the above response meets your request for information.

Should you be unhappy with the College's response you may seek a review, by writing to Derek Smeall, Principal. Your grounds for seeking a review should be included in your request.

I also wish to advise you that the Scottish Information Commissioner has launched an online appeals service via their website – the link is as follows:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal.

Other contact information for the Scottish Information Commissioner is listed below:

Tel: 01334 464610

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Thank you for your interest in the College.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Support and Administration Manager

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From: Scottish Funding Council <Communications@sfc.ac.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 2:37 PM

To: Scottish Funding Council <Communications@sfc.ac.uk>

Subject: Request for information on the presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in your estate

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Tuesday 8 August 2023

Dear Principal,

Further to increasing awareness of the concerns regarding RAAC, I am writing to ask you to provide information on the presence of RAAC in your estate buildings.

RAAC is a lightweight, aerated form of concrete that was most used in buildings from the 1960s up to 1990, with some instances of it being used earlier and into the 90s. RAAC panels were used within the structure of the roofs, walls or floors. Issues with these panels have been known for a number of years and RAAC is no longer manufactured or used as a construction material in Scotland.

As you may be aware, a failure of RAAC roof planks occurred in school buildings in England. This resulted in a safety alert being placed on the Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures (CROSS-UK) website and further information promoted through CROSS-UK newsletters. Good practice guidance on the condition assessment of RAAC has since been developed by the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) as well as other authoritative organisations such as the Department for Education. The IStructE guidance on RAAC panels: Investigation and assessment provides identification and remediation solutions for RAAC.

SFC would like to understand what your current knowledge is of the presence of RAAC in your estate buildings. To this end, please complete and return the attached questionnaire to estates@sfc.ac.uk.

We would really appreciate returns by **Monday 14 August** if at all possible but realise this is a tight deadline. **Friday 1 September** would be the final date for returns. Please let us know if you are unable to meet this deadline. We will also use this information to inform Ministers of the current, known presence of RAAC across all universities and colleges, and provide a summary of any actions taken to date.

We fully expect you, as the building owners, to ensure the safety of your buildings for occupiers and users, in line with UK health and safety legislation. This request is not intended to replace duty holders' responsibilities.

SFC is working closely with other government departments on this matter, and we will keep you informed of further guidance, sources of information or requests as we receive them. If you have any immediate concerns or require more information prior to responding to this request, please contact Estates Team.

Thank you for your attention and prompt response to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Maconachie
Director of Finance

If you wish to contact a specific member of staff, find their details on our website sfc.ac.uk/staff.aspx. Email webmaster@sfc.ac.uk with questions or to **unsubscribe**.

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We welcome correspondence in Gaelic and endeavour to respond in Gaelic, acknowledging receipt within 20 working days.

Tha am post-dealain seo (a' gabhail a-staigh faidhle sam bith na lùib) diomhair agus air a dhion le còraichean foillseachaidh. Mur robh còiragaibh am post-dealain seo fhaighinn, cuiribh fios thugainn gun dàil le freagairt post-dealain, dubhaibh às e, agus na dèanaibh feum, foillseachadh no lethbhreac dheth. Chan eil sinne cunntachail airson bhiorasan agus tha e an urra ribhse faidhleachan a sgrùdadh. 'S e nabeachdan taobh a-staigh a' phost-dealain seo beachdan an neach a chuir eagus dh'fhaodadh nach buin iad do bheachdan Comhairle Maoineachaidh na h-Alba.

Tha sinn a' cur fàilte air co-sgrìobhadh Gàidhlig agus nì sinn ar dìcheall freagairt innte, le bhith a' toirt fios-freagairt an ceann 20 latha cosnaidh.

	Institution Name	Campus Name/ Location ^(1 & 2)	Has an assessment been carried out to identify the age of construction? (Y/N)	Any buildings constructed 1950-1990? (Y/N)	How many buildings/ parts of buildings constructed 1950-1990? ⁽³⁾	Has a survey been completed or planned? (Y/N)	Survey date	Survey type (visual, intrusive)	RAAC identi- fied (Y/N)	Extent of RAAC identified (buildings/ parts of buildings)	RAAC Management/mitigation strategy
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Guidance notes:

1. Add a new row for each campus or group of co-located buildings (e.g. student accommodation blocks)
2. For any campus or property leased and/or not under your institution's management responsibility indicate by adding either "leased" or "other" against the name or location.
3. To include any significant works to extend or reconfigure a building from this time period.
4. Please return completed questionnaire to estates@sfc.ac.uk by Monday 14 Aug if at all possible and Fri 1 Sept at the latest.