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Sent: 24 March 2026 11:52
To: 'Christine Jardine' <christine.jardine.mp@parliament.uk>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: (Case Ref: CJ38484)

Dear Christine Jardine MP,

The below enquiry has been passed on to me to provide a response – apologies for the delay in returning to you.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening decision reference 25/02924/SCR was issued for the proposed Data Centre development at the site West of Hermiston (Land 300 Metres North Of 50 of Research Avenue North). This decision concluded that an EIA was not required and it can be viewed on the councils planning portal online : <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning-applications-1/view-comment-planning-applications>

However, it is the council's intention to issue a second EIA screening decision under reference 25/05576/SCR to consider again whether an Environmental Impact Assessment statement is required. Whilst I would be unable to comment on specifics whilst this EIA screening is under consideration, I note the matters raised below. All relevant matters would be considered as part of the decision.

Kind regards,

From: Christine Jardine <christine.jardine.mp@parliament.uk>
Sent: 10 March 2026 13:47
To: Place Directorate <Place.directorate@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: (Case Ref: CJ38484)

 External email

Dear Place Team

I have been contacted by a significant number of constituents who have expressed their opposition to the proposed new data centre at West Hermiston on the grounds of its environmental impact.

They are very keen to see that the application is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment because of the effect that they believe that this data centre would have on additional traffic with related air and noise pollution, loss of greenfield land and its impact on nature and biodiversity and the large scale energy use that such a project would involve.

I would be grateful if you could please let me know if such an assessment will take place.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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