



## Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

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For the attention of Chris Ryde

Dear Mr Ryde,

### **MOFFAT GOLF COURSE FPA-7464**

Thank you for consulting Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage (SGLH) on the above Felling Permission Application for a site which lies east of the Auchen Castle designed landscape.

We have looked at the area and from readily available online records understand that Coats Hill was part of the Auchen Castle Estate, leased to Moffat Towns Improvements Committee for an 18 hole golf course in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by Sir William Younger. However, study of the Ordnance Survey of 1857 and 1898 suggests that Coats Hill was probably not part of the designed landscape of the castle, the eastern boundary of which was formed by the Evan Water and the public road between Glasgow and Carlisle. The connection between Coats Hill and Moffat Golf Course, and Auchen Castle is severed by both the Caledonian Railway/West Coast Main Line and the M74.

As such, we would normally only comment on golf courses which lie within designed landscapes and on this occasion have no further comments to offer.

Yours sincerely,

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