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FORESTRY COMMISSION

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High Street Fochabers Moray IV32 7EP

Telephone Fochabers 820308/9

Mr James Mackay
Senior Bailie
The Dell
Blairdaff
Inverurie

Your reference

Our reference S18.1/BNC

Date 28 March 1980

Dear James

NAMING OF CAR PARKS

Today I spoke to Mr Bruce, the Director of Technical Services, Gordon District, Wyness Hall, Inverurie, about changing the name from Bennachie Car Park to Pittodrie Car Park. He was able to agree over the telephone that this was eminently sensible and should be done. I pointed out to him that you also were anxious that this should be done and took to him your message about being prepared to bear the cost of changing the sign-post on the main road from "Bennachie Car Park" to "Pittodrie Car Park".

If you could contact him about this payment the thing can be straightened out very quickly.

I confirm that the Guide and the map will now refer to the new name wherever appropriate.

Yours sincerely

R J R Marnie
District Officer



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reply to:.....

and quote: S18.1/BNC

Your reference:

3 April 1980

Mr James Mackay
The Dell
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Inverurie
Aberdeenshire

Dear James

RENAMING OF BENNACHIE CAR PARK

I have just had Mr Bruce of the Technical Services on the telephone and he and the Councillor are in agreement that the name should be changed to Pittodrie car park as per my previous letter to you.

The only comment the Councillor made was that Mr Theo Smith should be approached and informed, and if possible we should get his agreement to the renaming. He too is obviously anxious that the public should not mistake the signpost for the way to the hotel, and Mr Smith is also concerned that this will happen, we may be forced to insert the words "not Pittodrie Hotel" under the car park sign. I would hope that this would not be necessary. The public is not accustomed to seeing blue and white signs in the normal roadside livery advertising hotels and I do not think there should be any confusion here.

Rather than approach Theo Smith myself (whom I have never met) I think it would be better if whichever of the Bailies gets on best with him should approach him and try and talk him into agreement. It would be a great pity if the renaming were to stumble at this point.

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If relations are not too good with the Bailies and Theo Smith, however, please let me know and I will arrange to visit Theo Smith myself. I leave it to you to assess whichever method has the best chance of success.

Wishing you a Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Mr James Mackay
The Dell
Blairhall
Inverurie
Aberdeenshire

Dear James

REMARKING OF BRUNNACHIE CAR PARK

I have just had Mr Price of the Technical Telephone and he and the Commission are in agreement that the name should be changed to Pittodrie car park as per my previous letter to you.

The only comment the Council for roads was that Mr Theo Smith should be approached and informed, and if possible we should get his agreement to the renaming. He too is obviously anxious that the public should not mistake the signpost for the way to the hotel, and Mr Smith is also concerned that this will happen. We may be forced to insert the words "not 'Theodore Hotel' under the car park sign. I would hope that this would not be necessary. The public is not accustomed to seeing blue and white signs in the normal roadside. I very much doubt that I do not think there should be any confusion here.

Rather than approach Theo Smith myself, whom I have never met, I think it would be better if whichever of the Bailies gets on best with him should approach him and try and talk him into agreement. It would be a great pity if the renaming were to stumble at this point.

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Our reference S18.1/BNC

Date 1 September 1980

Dear James

Sorry to hear that you are back to the grindstone again after your holiday in the Emerald Isle but I was glad to hear that things seem to be going very well with the Bailies - that the Rally was such a great success and that your Guide is being well received.

I have heard nothing but praise for it and am sure you deserve this after all the hard work and care you put into it.

I am quite happy with your suggestion about leaving the price tag off. I am glad to see you are happy too with the suggestion of the split of outlets and I wish the Bailies luck with their sales. I understand they have gone extremely well already from Ian Grant who enjoyed his day out at Bennachie with you all.

I hope your meeting goes well on 17 September - I will be very far from Bennachie on that day so hope Ian Grant can stand in for himself so that there is a presence.

I attach Gunnar Godwin's very nice letter - he really is one of the last of the gentlemen and I have always had a lot of time for him.

Sorry I won't see you on the 17th but hope to see you shortly thereafter.

I was up the Mither Tap the other day and have asked Bob Aitken to remove some of the unwanted signs from Esson's Car Park to the Mither Tap as the path is now so well defined. I have also asked for one to be put at the "blind alley" cut inadvertantly by ourselves in the heather which can lead people astray.

Yours aye

R J R Marnie
District Officer



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Your reference:

3 June 1981

James Mackay Esq
The Dell
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Inverurie
Aberdeenshire

Dear James

Thank you for yours of 7 May 1981. I am sorry to hear that there are difficulties over the Rowantree Car Park sign and I can help you by confirming the Forestry Commission have no wish nor intention to contribute towards the cost as we are not involved in any way. I have, however, asked our sign-writing section to send you a quotation for a roadside sign bearing the words "Rowantree Car Park" and containing an arrow, and this quotation should be with you shortly. There is no obligation on you to accept it but I felt it would be useful for you to help with your decision making. I am sorry that the District Council is not anxious to pay for the change of sign but can understand their feelings as they have nothing to gain by the change of name, nor does the public.

I am still very anxious to help if we can and if you were to accept the quotation from our sign-writer we would do what we could about transport and perhaps help with posts.

Regarding the Donview Centre I have hopefully put in train the correction of Flo Garry's name and hope this is done shortly. As, however, our computer is on strike and refusing to pay the man responsible, he is understandably slow in responding to requests for any further work! It's a great world we live in.

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3 June 1981

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James Mackay Esq
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Blairhall
Inverurie
Aberdeenshire

Dear James

Hope the above is some help.

Yours aye

Ron Marnie

R J R Marnie

District Officer

I am still very anxious to help if we can and if you were to
accept the quotation from our sign-writer we would do that we
could about transport and perhaps help with posts.

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Estates Depot
Balnacoul
Fochabers
Moray

Our reference: AM/ASM

Your reference:

9 June 1981

Mr J Mackay
The Dell
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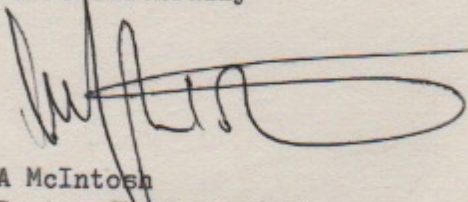
quote accepted by JRM on 26/6/81

Dear Sir

SIGN - ROWANTREE CAR PARK

Further to a request from Mr Marnie reference a sign for this car park, the cost of such complete, routed and painted including arrow, would be £13.56 plus VAT ex our depot. Should supporting posts and bolts be required, painted ditto cost would be additional £4.78 plus VAT.

Yours faithfully



A McIntosh
Senior Clerk of Works

*written to again after tel conversation
on 2/7/81 → double sided sign*