



Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

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Dear John

**PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER (LDO) RELATING TO ADVANCED
ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING (AEM) USES AT LAND WITHIN
'PARCEL A' SAMLESBURY AERODROME, SAMLESBURY**

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has been working with Ribble Valley and South Ribble Borough Councils, Lancashire County Council and BAE Systems to progress the development of Lancashire's Enterprise Zone (EZ).

As you are aware, the Lancashire EZ bid covering BAE System's sites at Samlesbury and Warton was the LEP's unanimous choice for submission to Government, in response to a national competition to award EZ status to locations across the country.

The LEP believes the proposed EZ (awarded status by the Chancellor in October 2011) is a strategic development opportunity that will support the long-term growth of the Lancashire economy. The Zone also builds upon Lancashire's inherent strengths in the Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing (AEM) sector, whilst supporting the opportunity to exploit emerging markets within the sector through the attraction of new business entrants and international investors to the Zone.

The Zone will become BAE System's national focus for AEM activity, and by building on the company's global reputation, the EZ provides a major opportunity to generate new high value jobs and private investment, which, in turn, will help to support the growth of the local AEM supply chain.

The EZ will focus solely on the attraction of new companies to Lancashire within the AEM sector. The LEP is wholly supportive of the proposed LDO which will provide the planning framework required to create investor confidence and certainty in Samlesbury.



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I hope this response is helpful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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