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Dear John

**PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER RELATING TO ADVANCED
ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING USES AT LAND WITHIN PARCEL A
SAMLESBURY AERODROME, SAMLESBURY**

Thank you for your letter dated 25 January 2012, inviting comments on the proposed Local Development Order (LDO).

Lancashire County Council has been working with Ribble Valley and South Ribble Borough Councils, the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and BAE Systems regarding the production of a LDO covering advanced engineering and manufacturing (and associated) development at Samlesbury.

The County Council fully supports the Enterprise Zone (EZ), which is fundamental to delivering sustainable economic growth and prosperity in Lancashire, by maintaining and increasing the economic contribution of the advanced engineering and manufacturing sector.

The LDO gives a simplified approach to planning while giving due recognition to constraints that are present in Parcel A. The LDO provides a robust planning framework for Parcel A that will provide certainty for investing businesses.

Highways and Transport

Lancashire County Council as Local Highways Authority supports the approach to enable the delivery of sustainable economic growth at the Samlesbury EZ.

The approach does include sufficient certainty with the attached conditions to ensure that the impacts on the influenced local highway network, during construction and/or operation of the EZ, will be accommodated supporting sustainability and not compromising network performance, effectiveness or safety.

Highway works where possible to be evidence-based, will satisfy appropriate standards and will include a suitable area of influence on the local highway network considering the existing network needs and impacts of EZ mitigation (for all modes).

It is critical that all attached conditions that influence highways and transport are maintained and satisfied for the avoidance of doubt this includes Conditions 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Future LDOs will be underpinned by a Master Plan, it is therefore important that development within Parcel A has consideration for the long term plan of the Zone, the capacity of the surrounding highway/transport network and delivery of the output specification. This will maximise EZ integration into the local environment satisfying network requirements, and agreed travel plan targets, whilst also delivering required supporting infrastructure and sustainable transport measures.

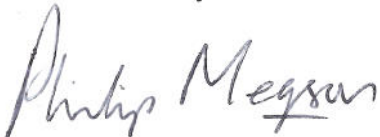
Ecology

In paragraph 1.7.8 of the Statement of Reasons, the 11th bullet states 'Avoidance of ecological impacts, measures to offset unavoidable ecological impacts, the delivery of biodiversity enhancements, the maintenance and enhancement of habitat connectivity and buffer zones around habitats of ecological importance'. A footnote should be added:

'Prior to approving the Master Plan, the Local Planning Authority will need to have regard for the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 in terms of potential impacts on European protected species and their habitat. Any necessary supporting information will need to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority before the Master Plan can be approved.'

I hope that these comments are of assistance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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