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Dear Mr Mark Peacock

Location: Historic De Havilland Grass Runway Ellenbrook fields Hatfield Business park Hatfield Herts

Proposal: Outline permission for the change of use of land to airfield with runway and support facilities

Application No: 6/2018/1635/OUTLINE

I am writing in response to the above planning application insofar as it raises issues in connection with minerals or waste matters. Should the Borough Council be minded to permit this application, a number of detailed matters should be given careful consideration.

The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority understands that the purpose of this application is to provide another possible location for the re-location of Panshanger runway. Should the application be approved, details for the two hangars, club house and car park will come forward as part of the reserved matters application.

The application comes after the Government Inspector suggested to the Head of Planning, that the Borough Council should consider alternative options for the relocation of Panshanger runway, due to the original proposed re-location not leaving enough room to re-locate the runway, in accordance with CAP168 standards.

The county council provided comments on 26 June 2018 in response to the proposed relocation of Panshanger runway to 'Land South of Cromer Hyde' (reference: 6/2018/1354/OUTLINE) which should be read in conjunction with these comments.

Waste

In regards to waste, the county council, as Waste Planning Authority has much of the same comments to make as it did for the application at Land South of Cromer Hyde (reference: 6/2018/1354/OUTLINE) and would like to take this opportunity to re-state what has previously been said in regards to waste for the re-location of Panshanger runway.

In line with Government policy, all planning authorities should take responsibility for the management of waste. This is reflected in the County Council's adopted waste planning documents, which seek to promote the sustainable management of waste in the county. The documents encourage the District and Borough Council's to have regard to the potential for minimising waste generated by development and encourage re-use of waste where possible and the use of recycled materials where appropriate to the construction.

In particular, you are referred to the following policies of the adopted Hertfordshire County Council Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document 2012 which forms part of the Development Plan.

Policy 1: Strategy for the Provision for Waste Management Facilities. This is in regards to the penultimate paragraph of the policy;

Policy 2: Waste Prevention and Reduction: &

Policy 12: Sustainable Design, Construction and Demolition.

In determining the planning application the borough council is urged to pay due regard to these policies and ensure their objectives are met. Many of the policy requirements can be met through the imposition of planning conditions.

Waste Policy 12: Sustainable Design, Construction and Demolition requires that all relevant construction projects to be supported by a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP). SWMPs aid decisions relating to the management of waste arisings during demolition and construction phases and encourage building materials, made from recycled and secondary aggregate sources, to be used within developments.

The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, would like to take this opportunity to remind the Borough Council that a SWMP will need to be submitted either as part of the full planning application, or as part of a pre-commencement condition.

As a minimum, a SWMP should include the following:

Project and People

- Identification of the client
- Identification if the Principle Contractor
- Identification of the person who drafted the SWMP

- Location of the site
- An estimated cost of the project
- Declaration that the client and contractor will comply with the requirements of Duty of care that materials will be handled efficiently and waste managed appropriately (Section 34 of Environmental Protection Act 1990 and Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regs 1991)

Estimating Waste

- A description of the types of waste that are expected to arise on site (recorded through the use of 6-digit European Waste Catalogue codes) and an estimated quantity for each of the types (in tonnes)
- Waste management actions for each of the types of waste (i.e will it be re-used, recycled, recovered or disposed of)

Space for Later Recordings

- Space for the recording of actual figures against those that are estimated at the start
- Space that will allow for the recording and Identification of those responsible for removing the waste from site and details of the sites they will be taking it to
- Space for recording of explanations that set out the reasons for any deviations from what has been set out in the SWMP, including explanations for differences in waste arisings compared to those set out in the initial estimations

Good practice examples for producing a SWMP can be found at:

<http://www.wrap.org.uk/category/sector/waste-management>

Minerals

Adopted Policy

Paragraph 1.1 of the 'Environmental Considerations' chapter of the Design and Access Statement, states:

“The land for the proposed relocated airfield is currently up for gravel Extraction”

The council first wish to clarify what this statement may mean; the adopted Minerals Local Plan (2002-2006) identifies the whole of Hatfield Aerodrome (BAe) as a Preferred Area. This preferred areas is known as 'Preferred Area No. 1 (Land at BAe).

At the time the existing Minerals Local Plan was adopted, Preferred Areas were defined as 'parcels of land likely to be required to make up the balance of the

county's contribution to the regional apportionment for the plan period and the landbank beyond'. It is assumed therefore that this is what the statement: 'currently up for gravel extraction' refers to. .

The land that this application (6/2018/1635/OUTLINE) covers, falls entirely within the northern half of Preferred Area No. 1 (Land at BAe). Although the northern part of Preferred Area No.1 (Land at BAe) has not come forward for sand and gravel extraction, it remains a Preferred Area and part of the adopted policy for the county. To view the preferred areas of the adopted Minerals Local Plan, please follow the link provided below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/planning-in-hertfordshire/minerals-and-waste-planning/minerals-planning/minerals-planning.aspx>

The county council is currently in the process of reviewing the Minerals Local Plan and as part of this process has reassessed the Preferred Areas.

Hatfield Aerodrome

The southern part of Preferred Area No.1 (Land at BAe) of the adopted Minerals Local Plan has been put forward for sand and gravel extraction through a planning application, which has a resolution to grant planning permission subject to a S106 agreement.

As the Borough Council is fully aware, part of the Hatfield Aerodrome site (which forms part of the adopted preferred area 'Preferred Area No.1 (Land at BAe)'), has also been identified as a Proposed Specific Site ('Proposed Specific Site 1 Hatfield Aerodrome') in the emerging Hertfordshire Draft Minerals Local Plan.

The Minerals Planning Authority has had numerous meetings and correspondence with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and St Albans District Council regarding the northern and southern parts of PA1 in relation to their respective Local Plans and the continuation of the site in the emerging Minerals Local Plan.

Upon reviewing the Site Location Plan for this application (6/2018/1635/OUTLINE), it is clear that there is an overlap between the boundary of this proposal and the boundary of 'Proposed Specific Site 1, Hatfield Aerodrome' of the emerging Minerals Local Plan. The proposed new access track and the southern tip of the runway strip also fall within its boundary.

To view details of the planning application that falls in the southern part of adopted Preferred Area No.1 (and in 'Proposed Specific Site 1 Hatfield Aerodrome' of the emerging Minerals Local Plan) please use the county council's planning portal by following the link below and search using the reference number 5/0394-16:

<https://cloud1.atriumsoft.com/HCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

Adjoining Sites

It should also be noted that the northern boundary of the site, as set out in the Site Location Plan, falls directly opposite 'Proposed Specific Site 2, Furze Field', as identified in the Draft Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan.

This site has been subject to a planning application which has a resolution to grant, subject to s106, to extract 0.45 million tonnes of sand and gravel. This site is known as 'Furze Field', and is proposed as an extension to Hatfield Quarry.

To view details of this planning application please search the county council's planning portal using the link provided above, and searching using reference number 5/3720-16.

'Proposed Specific Site 2 Furze Field' adjoins another proposed site as put forward in the Draft Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan, known as Proposed 'Specific Site 3 Land Adjoining Coopers Green'. This site is also proposed as an extension to Hatfield Quarry.

To view the Draft Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan please follow the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/environment/draft-minerals-local-plan.aspx>

Conclusion

The area that this application covers falls in the northern part of Preferred Area No.1 (Land at BAE) of the adopted Minerals Local Plan (2002-2016). This area will remain as a Preferred Area for sand and gravel extraction until the emerging Minerals Local Plan is adopted.

The Minerals Planning Authority does not wish to see the planning application for sand and gravel extraction at Hatfield Aerodrome jeopardised by adjoining developments. The county council urges the Borough Council to take into consideration the Mineral implications outlined in this letter and the proximity of the existing and potential future mineral extraction sites, in order to determine whether or not the adjoining uses are compatible.

Yours sincerely



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