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By email only

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Construction of a solar farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure at Land North of Halloughton Southwell

Appeal Reference: APP/B3030/W/21/3279533

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has received notification from Newark & Sherwood District Council that the planning application identified above has been refused and is now the subject of an appeal.

The MOD submitted a response to consultation on planning application 20/01242/FULM dated 14th August 2020 to Newark & Sherwood District Council raising no objection to the proposal, subject to a condition related to the design of the two proposed bunded drainage areas.

The MOD has reviewed the application in light of this appeal. As identified in the previous response, the appeal site is located approximately 6.43km from the centre of the runway at RAF Syerston and occupies the statutory birdstrike safeguarding zone surrounding the aerodrome.

It is noted that the submitted flood risk assessment (Job Ref: BR-629-0007 Rev. 3 dated 2 July 2020) sets out, at chapter 6, Flood Risk Mitigation Measures. Section 6.3 details the creation of two bunded storage features, one of which would be to the south of Potwell Dyke and the other to the south of Westhorpe Dumble. Figure 6.4 provides an annotated, illustrative cross section for these bunded storage features and includes text describing the use of a 160mm pipe that can be used either independently, or with an additional elbow jointed section, to drain the bunded area to dry within 24 hours of any storm event.

In order to ensure that these bunded areas do not contribute to the creation of an environment that might attract those large and/or flocking bird species that may form a hazard to aviation safety, MOD request that any consent issued for this development is subject to a requirement that the

bunded areas are designed and built strictly in accordance with the specifications set out in the submitted flood risk assessment (Job Ref: BR-629-0007 Rev. 3 dated 2 July 2020)

In summary the MOD has no safeguarding objections to this planning application subject to the above requirement being attached to any planning permission granted.

I trust that the above will be taken into account during the appeal consideration. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teena Oulaghan', written in a cursive style.

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