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Dear Fiona Bradley

MOD Safeguarding- Cambridge Airport

Proposal: A hybrid planning application for:

- a) An outline application (all matters reserved apart from access and landscaping) for the construction of: three new residential blocks providing for up to 425 residential units and providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)); and two commercial buildings for Use Classes E(g) i(offices), ii (research and development) providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)),together with the construction of basements for parking and building services, car and cycle parking and infrastructure works.
- b) A full application for the construction of three commercial buildings for Use Classes E(g) i (offices) ii (research and development), providing flexible Class E and Class F uses on the ground floor (excluding Class E (g) (iii)) with associated car and cycle parking, the construction of a multi storey car and cycle park building, together with the construction of basements for parking and building services, car and cycle parking and associated landscaping, infrastructure works and demolition of existing structures.

Location: Land North Of Cambridge North Station Milton Avenue Cambridge Cambridgeshire

Grid Ref's: 547502, 260843

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above amendments for this proposed development which was received by this office on 09/11/2022.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

The applicant is seeking permission for a hybrid planning application for A) An outline application (all matters reserved apart from access and landscaping) for the construction of: three new residential blocks providing for up to 425 residential units. B) A full application for the construction of three commercial buildings

The application site occupies statutory aerodrome safeguarding zones surrounding Cambridge Airport, in particular, the aerodrome height and birdstrike safeguarding zones and is approx. 2.57km north of the centre of the airfield.

After review of the planning documents, the MOD can confirm it has no objection to this proposal providing the comments and conditions provided by Cambridge City Airport Safeguarding are adhered to as part of any planning permission granted.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the data and information detailed in the developer's document titled Design and Access Statement dated 15/06/2022. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

It is important to note that the conditions requested in this response are included in any planning permission granted. As per Annex 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Safeguarded Aerodromes, Technical Sites and Military Explosives Storage Areas) Direction as amended, if Greater Cambridge Shared Planning decides to grant planning permission contrary to our advice then we must be notified 28 days prior to a decision being made.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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