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Dear Mr Wright

Consultation on Leicestershire Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Control Polices and Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Control Policies.

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2008 consulting the Airport on the above documents. We value the opportunity to comment on the development of the framework and look forward to future consultations.

On a general note for both documents we consider it would be worth including the Airport on the document's key diagrams, given the importance of the Airport both to the County and regionally (and indeed nationally in relation to freight), and also the relevance of the Airport in terms of Air safeguarding issues for both waste and minerals proposals.

It is also felt that mention of the Airport could be usefully added to the 'Transport' sections in both documents (paras 2.20-2.21 in the Minerals Core Strategy and paras 2.36-2.38 in the Waste Core Strategy).

Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Control Policies

We support the inclusion of paragraphs 5.43-5.45 and the provision of Policy DC16 relating to air safeguarding. With regards to paragraph 5.43, safeguarding maps are provided by the CAA or MOD, not the local airport.

Waste Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Control Policies

The Airport supports and welcomes the inclusion of policies DC13 and DC14. As with the Minerals document, paragraph 5.21 should state that safeguarding maps are provided by the CAA or MOD, rather than the local airport. It would be useful for the supporting text to Policy DC13 to make reference to Circular 01/2003 (as the Minerals document does).

In relation to policy DC14, we are pleased to note the requirement for developers of waste management sites to consider measures to prevent new or increased risk to aviation from the proposed development. It would be worthwhile raising the same issues in relation to Policy DC17. In certain situations it may be possible to mitigate against bird strike issues through the use of appropriately worded and monitored conditions where otherwise refusal on the grounds of Circular 01/2003 and Policy DC13 may have occurred.

Please feel free to contact me on the above number should you have any queries

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon Hockley', written in a cursive style.

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