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Dear Mr Wright

**Consultation on Leicestershire Minerals Development Framework and  
Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Development Framework**

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2007 consulting the Airport on the above documents. We value the opportunity to comment on the continuing development of the framework and look forward to future consultations.

On a general note for both documents it may be worth including the A50 trunk road on the paragraphs detailing the County's transport links (Para. 2.5 of both documents). Although the A50 is at the extreme north of the County, it is clearly an important dual carriageway linking the M6 and M1, connecting the County with the Potteries conurbation and the North West.

**Minerals Development Framework**

Section 4 of the chapter relates to the strategy for the future provision of specific minerals, with paragraphs 4.11-4.28 relating to sand and gravel extraction. We note and support the inclusion in paragraph 4.22 of information relating to bird strike issues and future sites in proximity to the Airport. The same information can equally relate to the proposed extension of many existing sand and gravel sites in the County. The Airport is happy to comment on individual sites as and when appropriate.



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## **Waste Development Framework**

Section 2.4 of the document refers to the Airport in terms of additional waste which may arise from the planned expansion of airport operations. The Airport Master Plan, published in December 2006, outlines our current dealings with waste created on site and our future proposals. We have a central materials' recycling facility (MRF) on site which recycles a range of waste including wood, paper, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, oils, fluorescent tubes and batteries. In 2007/08 we aim to increase the proportion of waste received on site that is recycled to 30%, and provide more opportunities for passengers to segregate their waste. As the Airport grows and passenger numbers increase we propose to develop a second satellite MRF in parallel with works to extend and update the passenger terminal building.

As with some mineral restoration sites, bird strike issues are also a concern to the Airport from facilities intended for the handling, compaction, treatment or disposal of household or commercial wastes, as such sites attract a variety of species, including gulls, starlings, lapwings and corvids. As before, the Airport is happy to discuss and comment on individual sites (new or extended) as and when appropriate.

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

Yours sincerely



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