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Dear Hannah

A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme

Application for a material change to an accepted Development Consent Order to include new land within the scope of the compulsory acquisition and remove land from the Order Land.

I am writing to support your request to the Planning Inspectorate for a material amendment to the submitted Development Consent Order application, with specific reference to the amendment to the layout, siting and size of your main construction compound.

The reason for our support is that the land currently identified as the main construction compound, forms part of an area that Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence, require for the installation of new landing lights for Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) Yeovilton.

The landing lights project at RNAS Yeovilton, is required to update the current landing lights in order to increase the safety for ours and allied military pilots at RNAS Yeovilton. Furthermore, due to the nature of landing lights we require that a safeguarding zone (no working, moving or storing of equipment) is maintained around the landing lights, to ensure that the pilot of an approaching aircraft has a clear view. The whole project is governed by the Military Aviation Authority (MAA), who sets all of the requirements on light positions and distances. As such there is unfortunately no room to alter where the lights need to be installed or share the surrounding area.

As DIO are unable to change the location of our proposed landing lights, and Highways England have been able to identify an area of land immediately adjacent to the existing proposed compound area, within the same ownership, that would not adversely affect the delivery of their project, I would therefore urge the Planning Inspectorate to grant this alteration. By doing so the Planning Inspectorate will allow two government departments to deliver two important projects at the same time, which will both benefit the country as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

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