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Dear Mr Hodge

OLD SARUM AIRFIELD CONSERVATION AREA - DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Thank you for your response to the Parish Council's letter dated 17 September. The Council do not agree with many of your statements which, I am sure, was not unexpected, however there is little point in wasting your time and ours by reiterating our comments and will concentrate our attention on the latest documents that we have received from Wiltshire Council (A12 and D12). We will provide our thoughts to you and all interested parties in due course.

The Parish Council agree that it is unsatisfactory that we have become involved in the Conservation Area Management Plan so late. It is important that Old Sarum Airfield Ltd and the Council work together to try and achieve an acceptable outcome that satisfies all interested parties on this important document, which when completed to an agreeable standard, can become the property of Wiltshire Council. It was at a meeting in January of this year that the Parish Council became aware that a new draft Management Plan was imminent, indeed our Parish Clerk, Andrew Prince, asked you by e-mail for both an update on the proposed development and a copy of the draft Management Plan on the 5 February. You responded that you would reply on your return to work, therefore it was very disappointing to hear no more from you but to eventually receive a copy of a draft document (A11) from Wiltshire Council in July. Going back to a meeting with you in September 2012, you showed us some ideas for the two northerly areas but nothing to show for Area C; as this was not complete. Additionally, you stated that you had 75% of the information needed to submit a planning application, but a developer had not been selected and when this was decided you would meet with us again. Nothing was mentioned about working with us on the Conservation Area Management Plan, development plan or Master Plan. We can confirm at this stage, you did provide us with a copy of the 2008 draft. All parties can say they want to work together, but this has to be more than words and needs to be meaningful. We look forward to hearing your proposals on this matter.

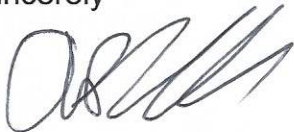
Whilst writing to you on the subject of documentation, we should clarify the point in our letter of the 17 September regarding the 'other important document' to which you refer. A11 makes reference at page 4 to a Conservation Plan dated 6 December 2013. You could not have therefore, provided this to us in 2012 as stated.

Having now received A12 from the Wiltshire Council, we note that this is no longer the Conservation Management Plan but a Management Plan for Old Sarum Airfield. The second document with which we were also provided is an updated version of your of your 2008 document and is now called the 'Conservation Management Plan Old Sarum Airfield D12' - all very confusing. Furthermore, when referring to the Conservation document, surely the title should include the word 'Area'?

We wish to be open and transparent on issues relating to the airfield and with this in mind, think it would be of benefit to all to place your response to us on our web site, but would only do this with your permission. Please confirm you are content for this.

Lastly we take exception to your suggestion that we have an alternative agenda regarding Old Sarum Airfield and strongly refute this allegation. To be clear, like you, we fully support the continuation of flying operations on this historic airfield and the preservation of its unique heritage. We are opposed to unnecessary and unwanted development on this historic site.

Yours sincerely



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