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Dear Mr Glen

Re: Planning Application 15/04004/OUT - Old Sarum Airfield

I am writing on behalf of Laverstock & Ford Parish Council to ask for your support and advice with respect to this Planning Application.

We are receiving increasingly strong support from our community for the active role we are playing to ensure that any development fulfils the need to preserve the character of this historic airfield and the Conservation Area as a whole while at the same time ensuring that local residents have adequate protection. Our approach to all planning matters is very much an objective one in which we carefully analyse a planning application as presented and endeavour to enter into constructive dialogue with the applicant or developer at the earliest opportunity.

It has to be said that our engagement with this particular Planning Application has been one of the more challenging projects we have worked on. In this instance, both the applicant for the Planning Application and members of a neighbouring Parish Council have paid little heed to the views of either the local residents or our Parish Council. However, we have gained some comfort from the recent statements submitted by many of the Statutory Consultees. For example, Historic England together with Wiltshire Council Highways, Public Protection (Environmental Control and Protection), Urban Design and Conservation have all raised significant concerns on the Application as currently proposed after thorough, objective analysis.

We fully understand that Planning Applications are a quasi-legal matter. However, we look forward to your support including perhaps reminding the current Minister with Responsibility for Culture of the issue now that the Planning Application has been submitted. We would also welcome any guidance you might be able to provide to ensure that, as indicated above, any development on the airfield fulfils the need to preserve the airfield and the Conservation Area while at the same time ensuring that local residents have adequate protection.

I respectfully request that members of our Parish Council meet with you to discuss this matter to find a satisfactory way forward.

Yours sincerely

David Burton
Chairman
Laverstock & Ford Parish Council