

Ms Christine Symes, Decision Officer
Department for Communities and Local Government
Zone 1/H1
Eland House
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26th September 2012

Dear Ms Symes

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78 APPEAL
BY HELIOSLOUGH LTD LAND IN AND AROUND FORMER
AERODROME, NORTH ORBITAL ROAD, UPPER COLNE VALLEY,
HERTFORDSHIRE (RADLETT) APPLICATION REF 5/09/07/08**

Thank you for your letter of 19 September.

My position remains as it has throughout, namely that the case has not been made for situating a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange in Radlett. I believe it is a completely unsuitable site and the construction of a development on this scale would have a devastating impact on the green belt and indeed undermine the integrity of the green belt in the London and South East areas.

The site would have many other adverse environmental consequences and is not economically justifiable. I believe the application should have been rejected outright. However, in the light of the decision for the inquiry to be held alongside an inquiry into the Colnbrook site, I will continue to make the case that if there has to be a SRFI, it should not be on the Radlett Aerodrome site.

I would respectfully draw attention to the fact that, in effect, this will be the third inquiry concerning this site and this will place an enormous financial burden on the affected local authorities and residents groups, in particular, Strife, who represents many thousands of local residents. Could consideration be given to assisting both the local authority and the residents groups with their costs?

Yours sincerely

JAMES CLAPPISON
Member of Parliament for Hertsmere