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12<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Dear Madam

## **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**

The Secretary of State's letter of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 invited views on re-opening the inquiry into Radlett and conjoining that with the inquiry into the appeal for a Rail/Road Freight Interchange at Colnbrook (reference APP/J0350/A/12/2171967) (Colnbrook).

I attach a copy of the responses received to date, as shown in the table below.

<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Date</b>
Anne Main - MP for St Albans	25/09/2012
James Clappison - MP for Hertsmere	26/09/2012
Erica Mortimer / CgMs for Helioslough	27/09/2012
Simon Flisher / Barton Willmore for Goodmans	28/09/2012
Howard Wayne / Wayne Leighton Solicitors for STRIFE	01/10/2012
Paula Paley on behalf of Aldenham Parish Council	01/10/2012
Mr S Walkington and Mr D Parry	01/10/2012
Peter Evans / Aldenham Parish Council	01/10/2012
John Dean / Colney Heath Parish Council	01/10/2012
Mike Lovelady / St Albans City and District Council	02/10/2012
Graham Taylor / Radlett Society and GB Association	02/10/2012
Paul Stimpson / Head of Planning – Slough BC	03/10/2012
Steve Baker / CPRE Hertfordshire	03/10/2012
Polly Harris-Gorf / Hertsmere Borough Council	03/10/2012

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A number of parties questioned the purpose of conjoined inquiries and the relationship between the two appeals. Both schemes are before the Secretary of State for determination and the Secretary of State considers that both schemes raise similar and inter-related issues. He is inviting representations on his view that considering the two schemes at conjoined inquiries would lead to be a more coherent and consistent decision making process. It should be stressed that the Secretary of State has not reached a view on either of the appeal schemes, or what his eventual decision on either of them will be. Possible outcomes of conjoined inquiries would be a decision to dismiss both appeals, a decision to allow both appeals, or a decision to allow just one of the appeals.

Some parties have suggested that some of Mr Mead's conclusions in respect of the Radlett proposal ought not to be revisited. The Secretary of State's 2008 decision on the previous Radlett appeal and Mr Mead's 2010 report on the current Radlett appeal will be material considerations to be taken into account by the Inspector. The Inspector would also be expected to take account of any new material considerations raised in the written representations submitted following the close of the 2009 inquiry and the evidence submitted to a re-opened inquiry.

A number of parties expressed views about whether either Mr Phillipson (who held the inquiry into Radlett in 2007) or Mr Mead (who held the inquiry into Radlett in 2009) should preside if conjoined inquiries were held into the two schemes. The Planning Inspectorate is responsible for administering the appeals process, including the management of inquiries, and the appointment of an Inspector would be for them to determine at the appropriate time.

A number of parties made comments about the resource implications of re-opening the inquiry into Radlett and conjoining it with Colnbrook. In the event that the Secretary of State decides to conjoin the inquiries, he will pass the Planning Inspectorate the comments from parties in respect of the timing and location of the event. However, parties will be expected to meet their own expenses if they decide to participate at the inquiries.

If you, or those to whom this letter is being copied, wish to provide a further representation, please send that, preferably by email, to the address at the foot of the first page of this letter by Monday 29 October 2012.

I am copying this letter to the parties listed at Annex A.

Yours faithfully,

**Christine Symes**

Authorised by the Secretary of State  
to sign in that behalf

***Letter copied for comment to:***

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