

Ms Christine Symes, Decision Officer  
Department for Communities and Local Government  
Zone 1/H1  
Eland House  
Bressenden Place  
London, SW1E 5DU

5<sup>th</sup> March 2014

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 February.

My position remains as it has throughout, namely that the case has not been made out for situating a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange in Radlett and I believe it is not viable in the context of the recent material changes. 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 would like to add my strong support and agreement for the letter you have received from Ann Maine MP.

Yours sincerely

**JAMES CLAPPISON**  
Member of Parliament for Hertsmere