

30th October 2006

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Dear Mr Ashcroft

Erection of wind turbines, at Wellow

Bournemouth Airport raised an objection to this proposed development in our letter of 13th June 2006. The grounds for this objection were set out in our subsequent letter of 29th June 2006.

We have now had the opportunity to explore our concerns with the developer and would acknowledge the independent modelling and assessment work undertaken by Qinetiq in reports of 2nd and 23rd October 2006. Having considered the findings of this work, which was undertaken to an agreed specification, I would advise you that the Airport does not wish to maintain its objection to this proposed development.

I would note however that the Qinetiq reports confirm that this proposed development would result in some 'cluttering' of the Airport's radar and accordingly I would wish to bring to the attention of the Planning Committee two further very important points. Firstly each application for the development of wind turbines in the vicinity of Bournemouth Airport will be continue to be assessed based upon the unique circumstances that are presented. In not maintaining an objection to this proposed development the Airport would wish to advise the Committee that this is based upon an assessment of the likely impact upon radar and other navigational aids and the likely impact upon operations that would result. It may be necessary for the Airport to maintain an objection to future developments where the operational circumstances are significantly different or where the location or configuration of the proposed wind turbines is significantly different.

Secondly this proposed development has been considered in isolation. Should the Airport be consulted with regard to further proposals for the development of wind turbines the presence of these proposed turbines would be a material consideration and it would, of course, be necessary to establish the cumulative risk to the continued safe operation of aircraft.



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I would advise you that this letter has been circulated to other interested parties for information.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager (Environment & Safeguarding)