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30 November 2006

Dear Mr Bryce

Re: Planning Application No. 06/1065/PP – Construction of a motorway junction of Land at Intersection of M8 Motorway/A8 Greenock Road, South of Craigmuir Farm and East of Bishopton
Our Ref: GLA1079

I refer to your letter dated 23 October 2006, received in this office on 24 October 2006 and our recent telephone conversation.

I have received a reply from our consultants regarding the above application. The application site lays approximately 3.8km North West of the Aerodrome Reference Point for Glasgow airport and 1.7km North of the edge of the approaches to runway 09.

There is to be shallow water incorporated into the design for the SUDS scheme, shallow water is highly attractive to hazardous waterfowl. Reed beds are used to break up open water, but this must be carefully designed to ensure year round vegetation. Reed beds can be attractive to dabbling duck if areas of shallow water are dispersed throughout. *Phragmites Australis* would provide year round cover, but are vulnerable to developing starling roosts.

Large numbers of hazardous species are located within the Black Cart and River Clyde basin including mute swans, dabbling ducks and gulls. Therefore introducing new open water and wetland features have the potential to increase the bird strike risk at Glasgow Airport. Covering each SUDS pond with exclusion netting would therefore prevent any hazardous species utilising this site, vegetation in the wetland areas must not protrude above the net. If the development were to be netted, then this would not impact on air safety at Glasgow.

Recommend: That bird exclusion netting is erected over each SUDS pond.

I will look forward to receiving your comments regarding the above. If it is not proposed to amend the design to take into account the above recommendation, please

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let us know as we may need to object to this application on the grounds of bird strike hazard.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of Glasgow Airport Limited