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Dear David

Re: Planning Application No. 09/0456/PP – Construction of a landfill facility at western edge of the former Royal Ordnance Factory Site, Station Road, Bishopston
Our Ref: GLA1654

We refer to your letter dated 08 July 2009, received in this office on 14 July 2009.

The proposed development has been examined from an aerodrome safeguarding perspective and could conflict with safeguarding criteria unless any planning permission granted is subject to the condition detailed below:

Submission of a Bird Hazard Management Plan

Development shall not commence until a Bird Hazard Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority. The submitted plan shall include details of:

- Monitoring of any standing water within the site temporary or permanent
- Monitoring of the reed beds to ensure that starling roosts do not form
- Monitoring of the water bodies until the reeds have become fully established to ensure that hazardous birds do not utilise them
- Details of a goose proof fence around the reed beds until they become fully established

The Bird Hazard Management Plan shall be implemented as approved and shall remain in force for the life of the development. No subsequent alterations to the plan are to take place unless first submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason: It is necessary to manage the site in order to minimise its attractiveness to birds which could endanger the safe movement of aircraft and the operation of Glasgow Airport.

For Information: Once the reed bed and the surface water management pond have been filled with water and until the reeds become established they will become attractive to hazardous birds including geese and gulls. Regular inspections will need to take place to ensure that these birds do not utilise the water bodies, if so they will need to be dispersed. Goose proof fences must be provided until the reeds become established to prevent terrestrial access by geese.

When the reeds become established and have developed a dense cover they can provide roosting opportunities for starlings. It is important that a starling roost does not become established at any time. Therefore weekly observation of the reed beds should be undertaken at dusk from September until March. The maximum number of starlings should be no more than 500, if the number exceeds that they must be dispersed.

We would also make the following observation:

Cranes

Given the nature of the proposed development it is possible that a crane may be required during its construction. We would, therefore, draw the applicant's attention to the requirement within the British Standard Code of Practice for the safe use of Cranes, for crane operators to consult the aerodrome before erecting a crane in close proximity to an aerodrome. This is explained further in Advice Note 4, 'Cranes and Other Construction Issues' (available at www.aoa.org.uk/publications/safeguarding.asp).

We, therefore, have no aerodrome safeguarding objection to this proposal, provided that the above condition is applied to any planning permission.

It is important that the condition requested in this response is applied to a planning approval. Where a Planning Authority proposes to grant permission against the advice of BAA, or not to attach conditions which BAA has advised, it shall notify BAA, and the Civil Aviation Authority and the Scottish Ministers as specified in the Safeguarding of Aerodromes Direction 2003.

Yours sincerely

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