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Dear Madam

CONSULTATION ON PLANNING MATTERS

While the CAA has a duty to provide aviation safety advice when requested, it is not a statutory consultee for planning applications (unless its own property is affected). In order to reduce the time devoted to unnecessary consultations, the following guidance aims to clarify requirements.

Other than the consultation required by Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011, it is **not** necessary to consult the CAA about:

- Strategic Planning Documents (e.g. Local Development Framework and Core Strategy documents) other than those with direct aviation involvement (e.g. Regional Renewable Energy Plans);
- Waste Plans;
- Screening Options;
- Low-rise structures, including telecommunication masts. With the exception of wind turbine developments, the CAA is unlikely to have any meaningful input related to applications associated with structures of a height of 100 feet or less that are situated away from aerodromes or other landing sites;
- Orders affecting Rights of Way or Footpaths;
- Sub-surface developments;
- General planning applications not affecting CAA property.
- Solar Photovoltaic Panels (SPV)

In all cases where the above might affect an airport, the **airport operator** is the appropriate consultee. Where the above might affect a NATS installation the consultee is:

NATS
Mailbox 27
NATS Corporate and Technical Centre
4000 Parkway
Whiteley
Fareham
Hants PO15 7FL

Please be advised that we will no longer respond to future correspondence received regarding the above subjects. Where consultation is required under Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 the CAA will only respond to specific questions (but will nevertheless record the receipt of all consultations).

It **is** necessary to consult the CAA in the following situations:

- When a Local Planning Authority is minded to grant permission for a development to which a statutorily safeguarded airport or NATS Plc has objected, write to:

Aerodrome and Air Traffic Standards Division
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport
West Sussex RH6 0YR

- When a Local Planning Authority is considering a proposed development involving wind turbines, write to:

Renewal Energy Project Officer
Directorate of Airspace Policy
Civil Aviation Authority
CAA House
45-59 Kingsway
London WC2B 6TE
email: windfarms@caa.co.uk (preferred option)

- When a development involves structures of a height of 90 metres or more, lasers or floodlights, write to:

Off Route Airspace 5
Directorate of Airspace Policy
Civil Aviation Authority
CAA House
45-59 Kingsway
London WC2B 6TE
Email: marks.smailes@caa.co.uk

Further information on consultation requirements can be found on the CAA website, including document entitled [Guidance on CAA Planning Consultation Requirements](#).

Further information on Solar Photovoltaic Panels can be found on the CAA website including document entitled [Guidance on Photovoltaic systems](#).

Please could you ensure that your Planning Officers are aware of these principles and the revised policy and that **any associated procedures are amended with immediate effect**.

Yours faithfully

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