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Dear Carmel

North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Joint Plan-Examination

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the above referenced consultation document.

The MOD's principle concern with respect to Minerals and Waste Local Plans within the county of North Yorkshire is the creation of open water bodies. In these zones the MOD reviews the development of waste management facilities, quarry restoration, wetland features and other developments that are potentially attractive to large and or flocking birds hazardous to aircraft. The MOD is mainly concerned with how the site will be restored after use by the mineral operator. The use of water bodies within this area leads to an increased amount of bird activity which conflicts with the RAF operations in the county.

The MOD reviews the developments which have the potential to infringe/inhibit aerodrome operations, as well as developments which have the potential to attract large, and, or flocking bird species hazardous to aircraft safety.

Having reviewed the Allocated Sites and Areas of Search document, we have identified the following:

Site refs: MJP06, MJP07 and MJP14 fall within the statutory safeguarding zones aerodrome height 91.4m and birdstrike surrounding RAF Topcliffe and RAF Leeming.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 91.4m or include the development of open water bodies, the creation of wetland habitat, refuse and landfill sites need to be reviewed by this office.

Site refs: MJP33, MJP21 and MJP17 fall within the statutory safeguarding zones aerodrome height 91.4m and birdstrike surrounding RAF Leeming.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 91.4m or include the development of open water bodies, the creation of wetland habitat, refuse and landfill sites need to be reviewed by this office.

Site ref: MJP10 falls within the statutory safeguarding zones aerodrome height 91.4m and birdstrike surrounding RAF Leeming also aerodrome height 45.7m for RAF Topcliffe.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 91.4m (RAF Leeming), 45.7m (RAF Topcliffe) or include the development of open water bodies, the creation of wetland habitat refuse and landfill sites (RAF Leeming) need to be reviewed by this office.

Site ref: WJP24 falls within the statutory safeguarding zones aerodrome height 91.4m surrounding RAF Leeming and aerodrome height 45.7m for RAF Topcliffe.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 91.4m (RAF Leeming) or 45.7m (RAF Topcliffe) need to be reviewed by this office.

Site ref: MJP11 falls within the statutory safeguarding zones aerodrome height 15.2m and birdstrike surrounding RAF Leeming.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 15.2m or include the development of open water bodies, the creation of wetland habitat, refuse and landfill sites need to be reviewed by this office.

Site ref: WJP18 falls within the statutory safeguarding zone aerodrome height 91.4m surrounding RAF Leeming.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 91.4m need to be reviewed by this office.

Sites refs: WJP08, WJP05, WJP11 and MJP52 all fall within the statutory safeguarding zones aerodrome height 91.4m and birdstrike surrounding RAF Linton on Ouse.

Therefore, any proposed structures in this area which may exceed 91.4m or include the development of open water bodies, the creation of wetland habitat, refuse and landfill sites need to be reviewed by this office.

Scarborough Borough Site ref: WJP15 falls within the statutory safeguarding technical zone 15.2m surrounding Staxton Wold Radar. The existing plant at this site has planning permission limited to 2020.

Therefore, new structures in this area within any future extension to planning permission applications which may exceed 15.2m in height need to be reviewed by this office.

Sites refs: WJP02, WJP03, WJP06, WJP10, WJP13, WJP16, WJP17, WJP19, WJP22 and WJP25.

MJP08, MJP09, MJP22, MJP23, MJP24, MJP26, MJP27, MJP28, MJP29, MJP30, MJP45, MJP54, MJP55 and MJP63 are all sites outside of safeguarding areas (SOSA). However low flying activities may take place within these areas.

Therefore any plans which may include any tall narrow structures within these areas exceeding 50m in height need to be reviewed by this office.

Site ref: WJP21 is the only area within a site outside of safeguarding area (SOSA) with no low flying activities; therefore the MOD has no safeguarding concerns.

Review of the Areas of search A and C shows some areas are within the statutory safeguarding zones 91.4, 45.7 and 15.2m and birdstrike for RAF Leeming, RAF Linton on Ouse and RAF Topcliffe. These are areas identified for possible mineral extraction and waste management in the future.

Therefore any proposed future schemes within these areas will need to be reviewed by this office.

Please note the above comments are purely related to the DIO Statutory Safeguarding interests. I trust this adequately explains our position on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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