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Dear Mrs Gregory

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations
2011 (SI 2011/1824) (the EIA Regulations)
Appeal by Mr R Walker
Site at South Moor Farm, Langdale End, Scarborough, YO13 0LW

The appeal is against the refusal of planning permission for the change of use of land to form 2 grass runways, extension to existing access track and construction of storage building and pilot/restroom building.

The appeal proposals are considered to fall within the description at Schedule 2, paragraph 10(e) the EIA Regulations. Therefore your clients appeal is to be screened of the Secretary of States own volition under Regulation 4(8)a of the EIA Regulations.

In order to assist the Secretary of State the following information is sought:

1. Noise impacts

There is uncertainty as to the proposed level of activity, reference has been made to 5 visits a week, 10 take offs per week and a maximum number of aircraft movements of 20 per day. Please therefore confirm the maximum number of aircraft movements per day and per week that are proposed.

There is no justification within the noise survey for limiting the survey to the times chosen. There is an indication that there would be a restriction on the flights during the day and to no night flights, yet the survey has been undertaken on a Saturday between 1500-16.00 and 1900-2000hrs. Please confirm whether this was a typical Saturday, and whether weekday flights would be at greater or lesser frequency.



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The survey suggests that data was gathered from a number of different light aircraft, but there is no indication as to the number of flights of different types of aircraft at the time of the surveys. Please provide such confirmation. Further information should also be provided on the proposed flight paths and location of sensitive receptors.

2. Ecology

The proposal is located approximately 6km from the North York Moors SSSI. The site is also designated as the North York Moors Special Protection Area for birds (SPA). Sufficient information has not been submitted to determine whether the proposal could cause disturbance to birds from the SPA. Please therefore provide information on the number and direction of flights in relation to the SPA. In this regard it is noted that Natural England have expressed concern about birds which may use offsite feeding areas closer to the proposal site, as well as in the SPA itself.

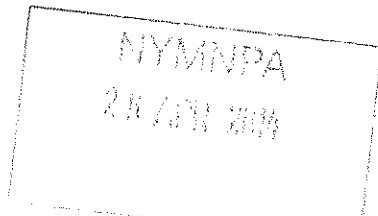
Having regard to the sites location within 6km of an SPA, I would also draw your client's attention to the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). While this would not necessarily affect the decision on whether or not the development would require an EIA, it is an issue that the Inspector would need to take into account in his planning appeal decision, and I would advise that professional advice is taken on this matter.

In order for us to reach a screening direction, can you please provide the required information and send it to the above address as soon as possible and no later than 12 May 2014.

A copy of this letter has been sent to North York Moors National Park Authority.

Yours sincerely

Frances Russell



(Signed with the authority of the Secretary of State.)

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