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Dear Graeme,

Site at Laneside Farm, Pendleton, Clitheroe, BB7 1PU.
Planning Appeal Reference: APP/T2350/A/13/2190784

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has received notification from Ribble Valley Borough Council that the above appeal has been submitted.

The MoD submitted a response dated 1st October 2012 to Ribble Valley Borough Council raising an objection to the proposal.

The MoD has reviewed this response in light of the appeal and I can confirm that the MoD withdraws the current objection to the proposal – that is to say that the MOD does not object to the Site at Laneside Farm proposed wind turbine.

In October 2012 the MoD objected to the proposed 22m wind turbine at Laneside Farm. (Planning Ref. No. 3/2012/0526)

Predicted coverage plots indicated that the proposed turbine would be detected by the Warton radar. As the turbine is located in a position where Warton Air Traffic Control routinely vector aircraft for final approach to Warton, BAE Systems, as the aerodrome owner and operator, advised MoD to object to the proposed turbine.

Since the original application, as part of on-going work to improve BAE Systems' response to wind turbine applications, BAE Systems has been working with SELEX, the radar's manufacturer, and its own internal experts to better understand the effect of wind turbines on the SELEX ATCR44S Radar. BAE Systems' principle is to ensure the creation of the best possible criteria on which to base decisions on whether or not to object to planning applications. This work has resulted in further

refinements to the criteria that the company (BAE Systems) apply in order to establish whether or not a wind turbine will have a detrimental effect on aviation operations conducted by BAE Systems. In light of these refinements, the MOD can withdraw its objection.

I trust this provides a sufficient update on the current MoD position. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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