



Ministry of Defence

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Your reference: **20/01242/FULM**
Our reference: 10048625

Dear Honor,

MOD Safeguarding – RAF Syerston

Proposal: Construction of a solar farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.

Location: Land North of Halloughton Southwell

Grid Ref: 468221, 351950

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above proposed development which was received by this office on 15/07/2020.

The applicant is seeking full planning permission for the Construction of a solar farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.

The application site is approximately 6.43km from the centre of the runway at RAF Syerston and occupies the statutory birdstrike safeguarding zone surrounding the aerodrome.

Birdstrike safeguarding zone

Within this zone the principle concern of the MOD is the creation of new habitats may attract and support populations of large and or flocking birds close to the aerodrome.

The proposals include drainage plans in the form of swales and an attenuation basin. On review of these drainage designs I can confirm they are unlikely to attract or support substantial numbers of hazardous birds.

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The two bunded storage areas are larger and on the edges of the fields. Therefore, they have a higher potential to attract and support hazardous birds. However, as long as these areas are generally dry, and hold water only during and immediately after heavy rainfall, then any attractant is likely to be minimal.

In summary, subject to the above requirements being included as a condition as part of any planning permission granted, the MOD has no objections to this application.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and confirm that a relevant condition covering the MOD's requirements is included in any consent granted.

It is important that the conditions requested in this response are included in any planning permission granted. As per Planning Circular 01/03: Safeguarding Aerodromes, Technical Sites and Military Explosives Storage Areas, if Newark and Sherwood district Council decides to grant planning permission contrary to our advice then we must be notified 28 days prior to a decision being made.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Adam Scott
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