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Dear Sir/Madam

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## **Neighbourhood Plan Fairford**

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has not been consulted on the above consultation. This office received notification through the tool Devplan.

The MOD's principle concern relates to ensuring that tall structures especially tall buildings do not cause an obstruction to air traffic movements at MOD aerodromes or compromise the operation of air navigational transmitter/receiver facilities located in the area.

As you will be aware air traffic approaches and technical installations at MOD aerodromes are protected with statutory safeguarding zones which identify height consultation zones in the area surrounding MOD aerodromes relative to topography and distance from the sites.

The aerodromes are also protected with statutory birdstrike safeguarding consultation zones. Therefore, DIO Safeguarding is concerned with the development of open water bodies, the creation of wetland habitat, refuse and landfill sites. These types of development have the potential to attract large flocking bird species hazardous to aviation safety.

The MOD statutory height safeguarding zone for the proposed plan area Fairford is for the main operational base's RAF Fairford and Brize Norton.

On reading the Neighbourhood Development Plan, I can confirm the MOD would need to be consulted on site allocations for all development especially that identified within section 6 for the accommodation of housing development.

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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