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Dear Sir or Madam

Stoke Upon Tern Neighbourhood Development Plan 2033

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation, on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) wishes to respond to the consultation on the above document. This response relates solely to MOD interests at Tern Hill airfield (and a reference to Safeguarding interests relating to RAF Shawbury), any issues relating to Clive Barracks are covered in the response which has been submitted separately by our consultants Fisher German.

The MOD welcomes the recognition within the document to the presence of the RAF site at Tern Hill.

It is noted that the document promotes development at two sites which are within close proximity to Tern Hill airfield – Dutton Close and Warrant Camp. It is important that such development does not have an adverse impact on activities at the Airfield.

I have liaised with the DIO Safeguarding team who have confirmed that both of the sites fall within the statutory aerodrome height and technical safeguarding consultation zones for RAF Shawbury and RAF Tern Hill. Furthermore, the sites also occupy the statutory birdstrike safeguarding consultation zone surrounding RAF Shawbury. The main concern of the MOD regarding birdstrike is the creation of open wetland, attenuation schemes, SUDs or landfill / refuse. These types of uses have the potential to attract large flocking bird species hazardous to aviation safety.

Furthermore, proposals for development at these sites should be adequately informed by noise surveys (undertaken in consultation with MOD), given the close proximity of an active MOD airfield.

Taking the above into consideration, the MOD requests that an additional reference is provided in the plan to a requirement to consult with the MOD as part of the development of any proposals for these two sites, to ensure that national Defence interests are adequately protected.

Should you require further information or any clarification on any of the points above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J McCabe', written in a cursive style.

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