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Dear Sir/Madam

### South Gloucestershire Core Strategy – Options for Filton Airfield

South Gloucestershire Council submitted its Draft Core Strategy to the Secretary of State on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 for Examination by an independent Inspector. Once adopted the Core Strategy will be a key planning policy document for South Gloucestershire setting out the general location of development, its type and scale, as well as protecting what is valued about the area.

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2011 BAE Systems announced its intention to close of Filton Airfield in December 2012. The future of this site is a matter which the Core Strategy will need to take into account. The Council has therefore issued a Position Statement and a supporting Sustainability Appraisal that set out possible options for how the planned closure of the airfield could be dealt with in the Core Strategy. These documents can be viewed on the Council's website at [www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/corestrategy) or at these locations during normal office hours:

- the Council's One-Stop Shops:
  - Thornbury One-Stop Shop, Castle Street, Thornbury, BS35 1HF
  - Kingswood One-Stop Shop, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
  - Yate One-Stop Shop, Kennedy Way, Yate, BS37 4DO
- South Gloucestershire libraries

If you would like to comment on the Position Statement or the Sustainability Appraisal please respond by email to [planningLDF@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:planningLDF@southglos.gov.uk) or post your comments to South Gloucestershire Council, Spatial Planning Team, PO Box 2081, South Gloucestershire, BS35 9BP.

We have provided a list of five questions at the end of the Position Statement and it would be helpful if you would structure your comments by responding to these questions. Please note that the public consultation period is running from Friday 17th June **until Friday 29th July 2011**.

Any comments received will be collated by the Council and passed to the Inspector who will take them into account during the Examination. The Council will not be formally responding to individual comments.

We anticipate that the Public Examination on the Core Strategy will be held during September/October 2011. If you would like to appear at the Examination in relation to any of the comments you submit on the Position Statement, please let us know with your comments. However, invitations to appear will be issued at the discretion of the Inspector.

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Also, if you would like to be notified about the publication of the Inspector's report, and/or the adoption of the Core Strategy, please let us know when submitting any comments.

Please note that comments received, including personal details, cannot be kept confidential. From time to time we will contact you to seek your views about other planning consultations and projects. Periodically, you will also be invited to give us your views about our service. For further information or assistance, or if you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the Spatial Planning Team on 01454 863469 or by post or email to the addresses given above.

Yours faithfully

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