Dear Mr Crysell,

Outcome from meeting with BAe Systems

Further to the Core Strategy Exploratory Meeting held on 29th June, officers of South Gloucestershire met with BAe Systems and their representatives on 5th July. I am pleased to let you know this was a constructive and positive meeting. The key matters arising from the meeting can be summarised as follows:

- BAe Systems consider the Filton Airfield Position Statement (FAPS) is very constructive and helpful. It takes both parties a long way forward. Both parties will maintain dialogue on responding to the Filton Airfield Position Statement ahead of the close of the consultation.
- BAe Systems would like to secure an outline planning consent by 2013. On the basis that technical evidence and consultation can be presented that supports the delivery of the site, BAe would wish to see the future of the site addressed as fully as possible through the Core Strategy. This would remove the need for a separate DPD and amend the allocation of Filton Airfield from a development opportunity site to a strategic mixed use allocation.
- BAe Systems are in the process of undertaking technical work with the focus on strategic transport assessment, utilities (electricity and foul water). Discussions had taken place with JT Baylis, Airbus, Bovis Homes and Redrow. Further meetings are to be held with the LEP, Persimmon and the Mall.
- Officers emphasised the importance of working with the LPA, community leaders and key stakeholders to establish a clear vision for the site and understand how it relates to and integrates with, the wider local strategic context while avoiding further delaying the Core Strategy. Key issues are the strategic approach to: access and movement, social, community and green infrastructure, flooding, renewable and decentralised energy. Securing the long term legacy of the aviation industry and Concorde are also major objectives. The comments made by BAe Systems can be further reviewed and matters of delivery discussed at the EIP.
- BAe Systems to give further consideration to setting out their programme of technical work and discussion with key stakeholders. South Glos officers to review and work with BAe Systems to prepare a work programme for wider community involvement which

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would, subject to SGC agreement, support a community planning workshop event in late summer/early Autumn.

- The outcome is to prepare an initial draft concept statement that shows how Filton Airfield can be delivered as a strategic development site in the context of the FAPS. The aim would be to have this available to the inspector for the Core Strategy EiP.

Yours sincerely

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