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Mr Patrick Conroy
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By email

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Dear Mr Conroy

We understand that the South Gloucestershire Council Core Strategy is to be subject to independent scrutiny during hearing sessions in June and July 2012, and that the Save Filton Airfield Campaign Group (SFACG) has submitted representations concerning the appointment of York Aviation in November 2011 by South Gloucestershire Council to undertake an independent review of the Aviations Options Report on Filton Airfield, prepared by Mott MacDonald and Terence O'Rourke (TOR). We would like to address and correct some claims made by SFACG in its representations.

SFACG alleges, on page 11 of its 'FOI Evidence' submission, that TOR were existing clients of York Aviation in connection with work we had undertaken at Redhill Aerodrome and that a Director of TOR (Ann Bartaby) had been a Director of Farnborough Airport at the time we were working for Farnborough Airport in 2006/7. Neither of these allegations is true. TOR was not a client of York Aviation in connection with the work we undertook at Redhill Aerodrome (the client was in fact Redhill Aerodrome Ltd.) and Ann Bartaby was not a Director of Farnborough Airport when York Aviation undertook work for that Airport in 2006/07 (we understand that she had left Farnborough Airport in 2005). There was no conflict of interest and our report was an objective and impartial analysis, as was required by Council officers. SFACG's representation contains no substantive comments on the evidence we presented in our report in fulfilling the brief we were given by the Council and there is nothing in SFACG's representation that would cause us to modify the conclusions we reached, which we believe remain valid.

Yours faithfully,

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