South Gloucestershire Core Strategy Examination

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

BETWEEN

BAE Systems



AND

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity
Western Counties Air Operation Unit

In respect of the redevelopment of Filton Airfield

Declaration ·

The contents of this statement are agreed for the purposes of the South Gloucestershire Core Strategy

Signed on behalf of BAE Systems
Position Head of Real Estate Date 20/6/12
Signed on behalf of Great Western Air Ambulance
Position. CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Date 21 6 . 2012
Signed on behalf of Western Counties Air Operation Unit
PositionChief Superintendent – Operations Department Avon & Somerset Constabulary

Date.....20 June 2012

- The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC), Critical Care and Air Unit, in partnership with the NHS, and the Police Western Counties Air Operation Unit (WCAOU) are tenants of BAE Systems at Filton Airfield.
- These organisations have chosen Filton Airfield for their operations as it is strategically placed within the area they serve
- BAE Systems recognises the importance of the GWAAC and the WCAOU to Filton and the critical role they play in supporting emergency services in the region.
- BAE Systems is working with both the GWAAC and the WCAOU to understand their future needs to enable them to continue to operate from within the current airfield boundary.
- 5. Whilst in the redevelopment of the airfield it is unlikely that these helicopter operations could remain in their existing location, BAE has identified an area of 3.2 hectares of land (as shown on the master-plan attached) in its master plan to be dedicated to these operations within the airfield boundary. This land area has been assessed at a desktop level and is considered as appropriate for the technical constraints of the on-going air operations.
- 6. BAE Systems is also committed to working with the GWAAC and the WCAOU to define the detail of the proposals for this area of land. It is further committed to working with these organisations to develop costed commercial options for the building(s) needed to support these operations on a design and build basis, and will work to deliver this on similar terms to the GWAAC and the WCAOU's existing operational occupations at Filton airfield.
- 7. BAE Systems has also made a commitment to the GWAAC and WCAOU to ensure short-term operational continuity following the closure of the airfield at the end of 2012, by granting both organisations a lease extension to March 2014 on similar terms to the GWAAC and the WCAOU's existing operational occupations at Filton airfield. If necessary, it is prepared to extend these leases.
- 8. The GWAAC and WCAOU welcome BAE Systems' clear undertaking to allow their operations at Filton Airfield to continue and are committed to continue to discuss with BAE Systems, on a commercial basis, (as described in paragraph 6) the options for the provision of building(s) on the site to support these operations.

This is a statement made in good faith of the respective positions of the signatory parties and is not intended to be a legally binding agreement.

