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COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE

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National Police
Air Service

Epping Forest District Council
Civic Offices, 323 High Street
Epping, Essex
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Dear Sir,

I am writing as the Chief Operating Officer for the National Police Air Service (NPAS) to introduce ourselves. We provide air support to the 43 police forces of England and Wales from our network of 15 bases. We are the first and only collaboration of all police forces in England and Wales, regulated by law. We support police forces across England and Wales to keep communities safe through providing a 24/7 borderless service in which the tasks posing the highest risk to communities are prioritised in line with local police and crime plans.

Glenn Shelley, Head of Business Services, and Kristy Kinghorn, Head of Estates and Infrastructure, have met with Officers from Epping Forest District Council to discuss the possibility of the NPAS London base being located at North Weald Airfield. The NPAS London base is the National Counter Terrorism base for Police air support which would require 24/7 operations along with general policing operations.

Following discussions with officers from the Council, we are commissioning an Environmental Impact Assessment which will look at NPAS operating from North Weald and any potential impact that this may have on the surrounding community. Operating from North Weald would allow the aircraft to be operated further away from areas of habitation than at the current site at Lippits Hill and therefore will result in reduced noise impact to the local community.

This will include looking at the flight paths from the airfield into London and the surrounding areas covered by the NPAS London base and a review of the calls for air support across a 24 hour period in order to highlight the possible number of flights during unsociable hours. This will be noise impact biased and the results will be shared with you which may be of use for the aerodrome in the years to come.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of allowing NPAS to look at locating the NPAS London base at North Weald Airfield and we understand the possible reservations around the 24/7 operations. This will be taken into account within the Environmental Impact Assessment and we would like to present this to officers at the earliest opportunity to allow us to progress to the planning application stage as quickly as possible.

If you have any queries with regards to NPAS or the NPAS London base, please do not hesitate to contact either Glenn Shelley (glenn.shelley@npas.pnn.police.uk 07730284047) or Kristy Kinghorn (Kristy.kinghorn@npas.pnn.police.uk 07753 310277).

Yours Sincerely

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