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Dear Adrian,

Housing Development at Chalgrove Airfield

We note that included in the annexes to your report is the opinion of Anthony Crean QC. Unfortunately the premise upon which his argument is based is factually incorrect in two important respects:

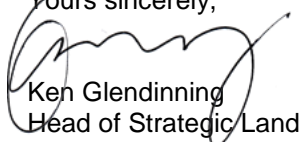
1. Counsel argues that the CPO would be made under s 226 (1) of the Town and Country Planning act 1990. This is incorrect. Homes England has statutory powers to make a CPO under section 9 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 to facilitate the achievement of its Objects which are to:
 - Improve the supply of housing
 - To secure regeneration, development or infrastructure
 - To support the creation of communities
 - To contribute to the achievement of sustainable development

The delivery of this site meets all of those objectives and is consistent with the policies in the NPPF. The agency considers it meets the housing need better than other sites proposed which are greenfield sites.

2. Counsel states that Martin Baker will need to move to an alternative site but this too is incorrect. The development proposals and offer that the agency has made to Martin Baker have been designed so that Martin Baker does not have to move operations and the airfield runway is re-provided on the site.

We would be grateful if you would make these points at the Cabinet meeting as we would not wish the Council to make a decision based on erroneous facts.

Yours sincerely,



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