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Dear Mr Duffield

**Emerging Local Plan 2011-2033
Strategic Allocation – STRAT 9 Land at Chalgrove Airfield**

I note that the updated draft of the proposed Local Plan has now been published and will be considered by the Scrutiny Committee this evening. I further note that the only response to our 56 page representation as to why Martin-Baker's operations and its future business would be severely impacted by the proposed housing development is a suggestion by officers that the proposed policy has been improved so that:

"the area of the runway reserved for the continued operation of Martin Baker has been clearly established and safeguarded, and the policy includes more reference to the mitigation needed to account for its new location and its operation";

With respect the inclusion of a re-aligned runway to be designed in line with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) standards does not begin to address our detailed concerns. We intend to fight the allocation with maximum energy and ask that our detailed representations are available to the Scrutiny Committee as well as a copy of this letter.

We have instructed Vicky Fowler of Gowling WLG to attend the Scrutiny Committee to ensure that our detailed concerns are understood and why the allocation should not proceed.

Yours sincerely

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