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Dear Emily,

MOD Safeguarding – RAF Syreston

- Proposal:** Installation of renewable energy generating solar farm comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, together with substation, inverter stations, security measures, site access, internal access tracks and other ancillary infrastructure, including landscaping and biodiversity enhancements
- Location:** Land East of Hawksworth and Northwest Of Thoroton Shelton Road
Thoroton Nottinghamshire
- Grid Ref:** Easting: 476129 Northing: 343467

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above proposed development which was received by this office.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

The application is for the installation of a solar farm with Substation, and inverter stations approx. 3m in height.

The application site occupies the statutory safeguarding zone surrounding RAF Syreston. In particular, the aerodrome height, safeguarding zone surrounding the aerodrome and is approx. 5.2km from the centre of the airfield

After reviewing the application documents, I can confirm the MOD has no safeguarding objections to this proposal.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the data and information detailed in the developer's document titled 'Design and Access Statement', 'Site Location Plan' and Infrastructure Layout' dated November 2022. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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