

## Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Examination

### Matter 10 – Ministry of Defence Establishments (‘MoD’)

#### Issue 1 – Development Related to Operational Purposes and Development Affecting MoD Establishments – Policy S84

Q1. How does part two of Policy S84 assist in safeguarding against inappropriate development close to key Defence sites which would adversely affect matters of National Defence?

The wording of part two of policy S84 explicitly states that development which ‘would adversely affect military operations or capability’ would not be supported unless ‘those impacts can be appropriately mitigated in agreement with the MoD’. This echoes NPPF para 97 which states that ‘Planning policies and decisions should promote public safety and take into account wider security and defence requirements by recognising and supporting development required for operational defence and security purposes, and ensuring that operational sites are not affected adversely by the impact of other development proposed in the area.’

MoD has a number of establishments within the Central Lincolnshire Plan area including RAF Cranwell, RAF Digby and RAF Waddington.

Whilst there are statutory safeguarding zones around RAF Cranwell and RAF Waddington and MoD is a statutory consultee with regards to certain types of development this regime only covers those matters set out in the Town and Country Planning (safeguarded aerodromes, technical sites and military explosives storage areas) direction 2002 and does not cover all issues of potential concern to MoD.

MOD are seeking to apply a consistent approach to this across a number of Local Authority areas where there are MOD establishments in line with para 97. Part 2 of Policy S84, in combination with Para 97 NPPF would ensure that defence matters, including those which fall outside of the aforementioned circular are considered in Local Policy.