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Dear Ms St John Howe,

Norfolk Core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Public Examination - Inspectors Changes

We have received notice of the changes proposed by the Inspectors and put forward for consultation. We have the following comments to make:

Resilience of the JCS in relation to the Northern Distributor Road (RF117)

We have the following comments on the table included within the contingency section. This suggests development is constrained and that no new employment allocations will be permitted in the vicinity of the airport or at Rackheath until the Northern Distributor Road is committed. We consider that this is too restrictive and these locations should be considered for development in the light of individual site circumstances.

This does seem to have been considered as the following paragraph indicates that it may prove possible to release some land for employment purposes within the Growth Triangle area subject to the findings of site specific transport assessments. We believe that this presumption should be extended to include the airport employment land and that any appropriate sites could be looked at with the benefit of a specific transport assessment. This may then demonstrate that the proposed uses have little or no significant impact on the capacity or operation of the highway network. In addition even if any impact is shown there may still be the opportunity for specific upgrade works to the current highway network for individual proposals that may be acceptable to the relevant Authorities. This could prove that development is acceptable and entirely appropriate prior to any Northern Distributor Road works.

We therefore suggest that the wording is amended to allow some flexibility for appropriate development around the airport to take place should this be suitably supported within individual proposals. This would allow the opportunity for economic regeneration and the continued expansion of the north Norwich employment areas which can only be to the benefit of the City and in particular the airport adjacent.



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