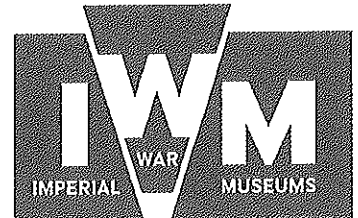


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Dear Ms Wass

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Ref: S/0008/15/CW.

I refer to our letter dated 8 October 2015 and your letter dated 5 January 2016 regarding the revised above planning application. I am writing to register our continuing objections to the proposed development. There appears to be no change to the proposal, and the response to our concerns has not in our view been addressed – therefore our objections still stand. (Please refer to original submission).

As you know from our submission on 8 October 2015 we have grave concerns that allowing the current proposals to go ahead will put our airfield operations at risk which could, ultimately, have a negative impact on the museum as an important visitor and heritage attraction, the important aerial vistas and our numerous onsite partners and their businesses. The continued operation of the airfield as a live and dynamic business is vital to making IWM Duxford unique.

We note the ***Appraisal Of Potential Effects On The Setting Of Conservation Areas*** report from Jon Etchells. Our comments in relation to the approach to our Conservation Area and its setting remain unchanged.

The revised information regarding the ***Air Quality Assessment*** still gives us cause for concern due to inconsistencies in their report. Some of the hazards still have not been addressed properly. Some polluting causes and effects were sourced from sites 45Km away. Data was broad and non-specific.

<http://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/swift/MediaTemp/39543-1950952966.pdf>

The revised information regarding the ***Airport Safeguarding Report*** has been heavily modified since we sighted the original draft. Risks have been 'watered down', others have been removed completely. The proposed chimney would infringe a future Type A designated area (were we to pursue this type of operation in future) and this fact has been formally confirmed in writing by Novus and our own aviation surveyor. (Copies of which you already have).

<http://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/swift/MediaTemp/39543-1950954443.pdf>

The revised information regarding the ***Air Quality Objection response***. Inconsistencies with some of their data remain. Duxford will still be exposed.
<http://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/swift/MediaTemp/39543-1950954444.pdf>

The revised information regarding the ***Hot gas exhaust effect on aircraft*** leads us to believe that their understanding of vintage aircraft flying and flying in general is limited. The survey was limited in its catchment area and data was compiled from a site 30Km away.
<http://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/swift/MediaTemp/39543-1950954447.pdf>

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We believe that this is biased in some cases without foundation in favour of the application. Please note the statement made by Novus when describing aviation standards at IWM Duxford is both derogatory and unprofessional. The IWM Duxford aerodrome is audited annually and consistently meets inspection and scrutiny standards laid down by the Civil Aviation Authority, UK, together with those of our own independent Flight Safety Committee.

To reiterate the summary from our letter of 8 October 2015, IWM Duxford is Europe's premier aviation museum, is a world leader in aviation heritage conservation and hosts more air show days than anywhere else in Europe. Aircraft have been operating from Duxford airfield since 1918 and it is IWM's clear intention to continue to do so in an unrestricted manner as possible in the future.

The presence and continuation of the current operation of IWM in the east of England, as part of our national heritage, is a significant benefit as a living, breathing dynamic museum; regional tourist attraction, world-class centre for the conservation and operation of historic aircraft, educational establishment and employer. The contribution to both the local economy and the tourist profile of the eastern region has been created by a large number of both public and private partnerships built up over the past three decades.

We wish to continue to grow and be part of the East of England's and the United Kingdom's success story, but we need support and some protection to enable us and our partners to achieve this. Simply, the current proposal puts this all at risk, along with the jobs and tourism our operations support towards our future aspirations.

It would be unacceptable if our flying operations, function as a national museum or our historic setting was compromised in any way. We will always make a robust challenge to any proposed development that created a risk to our existing, lawful and unfettered aerodrome use.

Above all else and in light of the facts in your possession (e-mails from Novus and our surveyor) that a future Type A would be breached – approval of this application would knowingly increase the risk of an accident for the flying partners operating out of Duxford.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graeme Etheridge". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

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