

## **Stowmarket Area Action Plan Examination**

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Dear Mr Andrews

Mrs Gregory has received from St Edmundsbury Borough Council a copy of a report ref EN/25/12 to the Council's Environment Policy Panel on 19 June 2012 in respect of Eye airfield.

She understands that a development brief and appendices were produced and that these accompany this report. Mrs Gregory requires a copy or a hyperlink to these documents by return.

She is concerned that it appears that this land is being identified for housing and employment development over the next 15 years when no significant reference has been made to the substantial scale of this in the Council's previous representations or in the CSFR. She is particularly concerned given that paragraph 9.1 of the report identifies that the employment land could generate around 3,000 jobs over the next 15 years.

She does not understand why the Council has not brought the potential scale of this development and its timing to her attention. It would appear to be pertinent to her examination of both the SAAP and the CSFR.

Please advise why the Council is pursuing a strategy that does not appear to accord with the CSFR. Please also advise why the allocations in the CSFR and SAAP should be considered to be sound if this alternative land is available and is to be promoted for development by the Council.

Yours sincerely

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