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Dear Sirs

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED).

APPEALS UNDER SECTION 174 REFS; APP/C/96/A1910/644602, APP/C/96/A1910/644975.

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 AND 178 REF; APP/A1910/A/96/267469, APP/C/96/A1910/645025.

BOVINGDON AIRFIELD, CHESHAM ROAD, BOVINGDON.

I refer to the above appeals which are to heard at a joint public inquiry with Hertfordshire County Council. I understand that you have offered verbally a revised public inquiry date of 20 January 1998.

I have now had the opportunity to discuss the likely timetable for the inquiry with the Hertfordshire County Council officers who will be involved with the presentation of the County Councils case. It is our estimation that the inquiry is likely to take at least two weeks. We anticipate that the presentations will take the following periods of time;

Hertfordshire County Council 2 days
Dacorum Borough Council 2 days
Third Parties 2 days
Appellants 4/5 days

A clearer estimation of the time period may be gained if enquiries are made with the appellants regarding the length of time anticipated to present their cases.

There is a very considerable local interest in the matters which are the subject of the inquiry so there it is further anticipated that there will be various representations from third parties. I am aware that Bovingdon Parish Council may engage a professional representative to present their case, whether this will cover all local objections is unknown at the present time.

I would be grateful if you could give this matter your further urgent consideration since this Council needs to ensure that the appropriate accommodation can be provided for the requisite time period for the inquiry. I suggest that you contact Julie Foulsham, the Councils' Appeals Assistant on 01442 228654 in the first instance

Yours faithfully

Anne Davies
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