[redacted]
Planning and Transport Policy Manager
West Berkshire Council
Planning & Countryside
Council Offices
Market Street Newbury
Berkshire RG14 5LD

[redacted]@westberks.gov.uk

Copies via E Mail to:
[redacted]
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council: [redacted]@basingstoke.gov.uk
[redacted]; Reading Council: [redacted]@reading.gov.uk
[redacted]; Wokingham Council; [redacted]@wokingham.gov.uk
[redacted]: AWE; [redacted]@awe.co.uk

[redacted]
HM Superintending Inspector of Nuclear Installations
Head of Unit 3 B
Atomic Weapons Facilities Inspection and Land Use Planning
4S2 Redgrave Court
Merton Road
Bootle
Merseyside L20 7HS

Tel: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]
[redacted]@hse.gsi.gov.uk

Date 17 March 2011

Our Ref: Unique No: TRIM DOC 2011/153577

Dear [redacted]

RE West Berkshire Core Strategy Examination: Nuclear Installations - Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Aldermaston and Burghfield.

We refer to West Berkshire's consultation on the above policy.

HSE fully supports the inclusion of this policy as a component of your Core Strategy. We also strongly support the fact that these have been prepared through 'cross boundary' consultation with neighbouring Local Authorities. For the purpose of adding clarity, and required updating of Policy CS 9A, HSE recommends that our suggested edits made on the attached version of Policy CS9a are included.

You will be aware that as of April 1st 2011 the HSE Nuclear Division will become the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), therefore all references to 'HSE/NII' need to be amended to 'ONR' throughout the whole document.

We also support the recognition within the Core Strategy Examination Proposed Changes that the presence of AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield have implications on future development levels and that this is a 'policy constraint' to developments located within the land use planning consultation zones provided for the AWE installations. In particular we support the references to AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield in the supporting text to Area

Delivery Plan Policy1 on page 26, Area Delivery Plan Policy 6 and the explanation to Policy CS1, paragraph 5.2. In addition we support paragraph 2.31d regarding the cross boundary local authority monitoring. However, we would suggest that you consider the following revisions to the text as follows:

(i) ADPP 6 in the second bullet point to read " Development in the Inner consultation zone is likely to be refused in line with Policy CS9A – delete "unless advice form HSE/ NII changes"

(ii) Delete the next sentence which starts " This has implications … and ends residential extensions.

(iii) ADPP1 explanatory text para 4 replace DEPZs with land use planning consultation zones.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

HM Superintending Inspector of Nuclear Installations
Head of Unit 3B Atomic Weapons Facilities Inspection and Land Use Planning