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Dear Sir

Re: Planning Applications: LAA, Lydd, Romney Marsh, Kent
Planning Inspectorate Refs: APP/L2250/V/10/2131934, APP/L2250/V/10/2131936

We received on Tuesday 23 August 2011, by email, from Alison McCue, Indigo Planning, two new Inquiry documents (LAA/113 and LAA/114) in respect of an issue that we understood had been completed. We assume that the Inspector will not be admitting new documents in respect of completed topics, in accordance with his earlier rulings. If you consider that these documents should be admitted, we require the opportunity to respond to them.

Further, we wish to ensure that there is no room for doubt as to the scope of the reconvened session on ornithological evidence on 6 and 7 September. Our clear understanding, as confirmed by the title of Dr Armstrong's supplementary proof (LAA/7/E), is that the session is to consider only "the Predicted Impacts of Aircraft Noise and Visual Disturbance on Bird Species of Conservation Importance near to Lydd airport", and is not an opportunity to re-open other ornithological issues.

Further to the Applicant's letter LAA/112 dated 19 August (received on Tuesday 23 August 2011 by email) the RSPB can also confirm that it will not be making any costs applications against the Applicant.

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not accept the third paragraph of LAA/112 has any relevance to the conduct of the RSPB.

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The RSPB reserves the right to revisit this decision should any further matters arise between now and the close of the Inquiry.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosie Sutherland'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R'.

Rosie Sutherland
Legal Adviser

cc Pinsent Masons