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Dear Mark,

INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT (IFA2), REFERENCE NUMBER: P/16/0557/OA

I am writing to you to register my formal opposition to National Grid's plans for an electrical interconnector to be built in the north eastern corner of Daedalus Airfield. I have been contacted by 95 constituents, the Residents Associations of Peel Common, Lee-on-the-Solent and Hill Head as well as local councillors who are opposed to the plans and I share many of their concerns.

First and foremost, I do not believe that Daedalus is the correct site for a development of this nature. Since I was elected I have worked tirelessly to ensure that Daedalus is a catapult for enterprise in the Gosport constituency. We have seen great progress: the Innovation Centre is full to capacity two years ahead of schedule and CEMAST is providing skills training for over 900 students. But there is still more to do and I am concerned that the IFA2 project will diminish the economic potential of the Enterprise Zone.

IFA2 will take up a great deal of valuable space at Daedalus without generating local jobs. This runs counter to the Core Strategy for Daedalus Airfield to be a strategic employment development site.

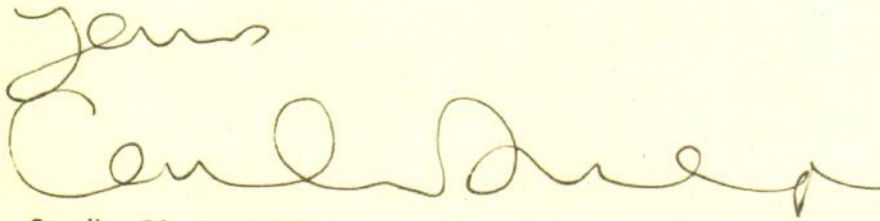
I am also concerned about the implications of the interconnector for aviation and the sensitive equipment manufactured and tested at Daedalus. The electromagnetic field and radio frequency interference produced by the interconnector may adversely affect existing aviation and commercial operations on the airfield. They might also deter future technical businesses from investing.

I would also like to emphasise the concerns of local residents. Constituents have repeatedly raised with me the issues of noise pollution, the visual appearance of IFA2, the potential impact on public health and the safety risks of such a tall development being built next to an operational runway.

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In my view, and that of many local residents, this large-scale, infrastructure project would be better placed in a more remote location such as Chilling, where there is an existing National Grid site, rather than in such close proximity to commercial enterprise and residential properties.

I sincerely hope you take my views into consideration upon deciding whether to grant outline planning permission for IFA2 (Ref: P/16/0557/OA).

Yours


Caroline Dinenage MP
cc. Cllr Sean Woodward