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HM Chief Inspector of Explosives
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Dear Mr Lugg,

**REQUESTS FOR ADVICE IN RESPECT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF
LICENCED EXPLOSIVES FACILITIES**

Planning Authority Ref : 08/02287/COMIND

Proposal : Construction of main process facility (MPF) and support buildings with 16 lightning protector towers, associated plant building, gate houses, vehicle inspection bays, sub-station buildings, security fence, access road, hard standing and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) Infrastructure.

Location : AWE Plc Burghfield, Reading, Berkshire, RG30 3RP

Further to the planning application above, The Explosives Inspectorate, having considered carefully the type and location of the proposed development, has no objection to it proceeding. It should be noted that as this is an explosives site, the works would be subject to licensing by the Explosives Inspectorate under the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005.

If you require further advice on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely



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HM Explosives Inspectorate Planning Officer

On behalf of the Health & Safety Executive