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Dear Mr Lugg,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
CONSULTATION UNDER SCHEDULE 1, PARAGRAPH 7(3)**

**RE: PLANNING APPLICATION 08/00954/COMIND – ATOMIC
WEAPONS ESTABLISHMENT, BURGHFILD, READING, BERKSHIRE**

OUR REFERENCE: A/08/053

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application.

On the basis of the scale and nature of this proposal, the South East England Regional Assembly does not consider the application to be regionally significant, although it is acknowledged that it forms part of the wider, longer term proposals to modernise the AWE Aldermaston and AWE Burghfield sites.

However, given that the Regional Spatial Strategy is part of the statutory development plan we would expect the council to take account of regional planning objectives relating to: the economy; infrastructure; design; transport; sustainable construction; the incorporation of water and energy efficiency measures and the promotion of renewable energy; and mitigating any impact on biodiversity, archaeology, air and/or noise pollution and on groundwater and rivers when determining this application.

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If you wish to discuss any aspect of our response, please contact Sue Janota on 01483 555200 or at suejanota@southeast-ra.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Bevan', written in a cursive style.

Paul Bevan
Chief Executive