

From:**To:** Michael Butler**Subject:** FW: EXTERNAL: Re 22/00244/fulext --land to the rear of the Hollies , Burghfield Common.**From:** Steele John AWE [mailto:John.Steele@awe.co.uk]**Sent:** 07 April 2022 12:49**To:** Michael Butler <Michael.Butler@westberks.gov.uk>**Cc:** Amy Gower <Amy.Gower1@westberks.gov.uk>**Subject:** RE: EXTERNAL: Re 22/00244/fulext --land to the rear of the Hollies , Burghfield Common.

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Hi Michael

Thank you for consulting AWE on the proposed development reference 22/00244. This development is for the erection of 32 dwellings at Burghfield Common which will be wholly located within the AWE Burghfield Urgent Action Area and consequently the AWE B Detailed Emergency Planning Zone.

The purpose of this email is to record the MOD's formal OBJECTION to this proposal for the reasons set out below. The MOD reserves the right to make further representation should the application proceed through the development process for instance to appeal if the application is refused.

I note that the ONR [19/03/2022] has "advised against" this development and also that WBC Emergency Planners [22/02/2022] has recommended refusal.

AWE Burghfield [AWE B] is owned by the Secretary of State for Defence and together with AWE Aldermaston and Blacknest, delivers the warhead contribution to the nationally and internationally significant nuclear deterrent. AWE B has unique national strategic importance as it is here that warheads are assembled and maintained while in service and decommissioned when out of service. It is the only site in the UK with this capability. The importance of that use is reflected in the current WBC Local Plan, representations made by MOD to the emerging Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 95.

The MOD has consistently sought to ensure that any constraints on delivering the capabilities at AWE B now and in the future are minimised. The proposed introduction of this development is directly contrary to safety and emergency planning advice and practice in light of the DEPZ required. It could have an adverse impact upon the nation's security by constraining both the current and future operation of AWE B.

If you require any additional details please do not hesitate to contact me.

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