

Dear Jeremy,

I have noted with interest the plans for a UK spaceport and in particular Wales' bid to have the facility located at Llanbedr Airfield. I have also noted the proactive formation of the Welsh Academic Space Partnership (WASP) by Welsh Government as a means to consolidate activities.

I believe the WASP, incorporating as it does the academic research and industrial support strengths of all 5 Welsh universities, will be a key initiative in Wales' plans to develop its and the UK's space industry. I also believe it fundamental to achieving central government's strategic vision of the UK becoming a major player in the space sector over the next 20 years.

Siting the spaceport in Wales would bring significant commercial, social and academic benefits to the whole of Wales, while consolidating WASP's position as a key influencer within the industry. WASP and Wales' bid to host the spaceport has my and my university's full support.

Yours sincerely,



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