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Outline application for the erection of up to 40 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access  
At  
Land West of Robin Hood Road, Elsenham

Reference: S62A/2023/0026  
Our Ref.: 2023/313

Dear Inquiries and Major Casework Team,

Thank you for consulting with the aerodrome safeguarding authority for Stansted Airport on this outline proposal. We have no objection in principle to the housing development at this location from an aerodrome safeguarding perspective, however we object to the current SuDS plans because they would increase the risk of Birdstrike to aircraft using Stansted Airport.

The drainage scheme will include a flood attenuation basin, designed to be normally dry, but will also incorporate a permanent pond within its design. Ideally, at this short distance from the aerodrome, there would not be any permanent waterbody as it has the potential to attract species of birds that are hazardous to aircraft e.g. waterfowl, including Mallard and feral geese.

In order to prevent the creation of an attractive site for hazardous waterfowl, it is imperative that the pond is designed in a way that will help to deter these birds by including steep-sided banks, planted with dense marginal aquatic vegetation to help obscure the water. There should not be an island included in the final design and the pond should be either be netted or surrounded by a goose-proof fence with signs to ensure that residents do not feed birds. The developer should also commit to maintaining the SuDs as per the 'SuDS maintenance plan' to ensure the drainage outlets of the attenuation basin continue to work effectively.

If the SuDS design can be revised as above, we will withdraw our objection to this element and we will require a condition to ensure that the design is not amended. We will also need conditions relating to consultation with the aerodrome safeguarding authority when the following detailed designs are available: lighting design; roofing materials, CEMP and construction phase bird hazard management plan.

The applicant should be aware that the height of construction equipment will be restricted at this location and that permits will be necessary from the airport in accordance with CAP 1096:  
<https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=detail&id=5705>

Thank you,

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