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Dear John,

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DEFENCE EXEMPTION DIRECTION – FUTURE MATERIAL CAMPUS AT AWE ALDERMASTON

I am replying to your letter of 16 September and can confirm the request was granted and have pleasure in enclosing the resulting Direction.

We will shortly be publishing the Direction, as per the legislative requirement of the 2017 EIA Regulations. My officials will ensure that colleagues in MoD are informed on publication and that our respective Departmental Press Offices liaise in anticipation of any resulting queries. I would be grateful if MoD officials progressing the planning proposal could inform West Berkshire Council of the outcome in the meantime.

Best wishes,

MATTHEW PENNYCOOK MP
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