Dear Ms Sansom,

Shepway Core Strategy - Lydd Airport Decision

I refer to your email dated the 23rd April.

Thank you for your consultation on the implications of the Lydd airport decision for the Shepway Core Strategy examination. Ashford Borough Council made a formal response to the airport inquiry Inspector and I have attached a copy of that representation.

To summarise, at the time of the planning application the Council had some concerns primarily about the fact that there was insufficient information provided to enable the Council to support the proposal and accordingly the Council’s objections related to the areas where additional information was needed to come to a definitive position. These issues related to:

- Noise and vibration from larger and more frequent aircraft
- Traffic generation and the potential detrimental impact upon the highway network
- Quantification of the potential tourist generation
- Safety implications if the existing power stations and wind farm

No doubt these issues have been assessed by the Inspector in his report – we are content that the development at Lydd airport and its implications can be satisfactorily incorporated into Shepway’s Core Strategy in a way that will enable the DPD to proceed to adoption.

Yours sincerely,

Principal Policy Planner