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**To:** Rebekah Morgan < <a href="mailto:rebekah.morgan@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">rebekah.morgan@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a> **Subject:** Ref: 19/02708/OUT Bicester Airfield Application

Dear Rebekah,

We represent the General Aviation community of over 40,000 members who depend on the availability of the nationwide network of airfields (not Airports) for travel, recreation, training, sports and air safety purposes.

We are committed to protecting all existing airfields and work in co-operation with Government and other aviation organisations to amend legislation, such as the changes to Para 104f and 182 of the NPPF. Further changes are under consideration and are likely to progress following the recent election result.

Although I attended a meeting with Bicester Motion in June and our mailing address is Bicester Airfield we were only made aware of this formal application in the middle of December and our search for relevant details has been rather hampered by the festive season. Rather than rush our objection to the proposals as we currently understand them we would like to request further time to confirm exactly what is proposed and frame our objections accordingly.

Are you able to allow us time to research the situation and respond in the knowledge that we fully understand Bicester Motion's proposals, particularly the likely impact on the safe operation of the airfield by powered aircraft and gliders, and present our case properly?

We understand the Gliding Centre has agreed a deadline of January 17th and would be willing to work to this deadline if you are agreeable.

Yours sincerely

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