

Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

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Cllr John Griffiths MBE
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Dear Cllr Griffiths

West Suffolk Operational Hub

I write on behalf of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council to thank you for your contribution to the Operational Hub debate at the Borough Council meeting on 7 July. It was reassuring to hear your commitment to undertake a thorough review of all potential sites for the Operational Hub.

It will assist the Parish Council to reassure local residents if you are able to let me have details of the additional sites to be considered by the Council and the criteria to be used in evaluating these sites.

As you are aware, communication is everything when dealing with such sensitive local issues. Can you please advise how the Borough Council proposes to keep its local communities up to date with news about this issue.

It will assist community participation if you can ensure that any consultation takes place outside of school holidays.

If the Parish Council can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Paul MacLachlan
Clerk



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Dear Paul

West Suffolk Operational Hub

Thank you for your letter dated 28 July 2015.

I can assure you once again that it has always been our intention to be as open as possible about this proposal. We are, of course, still in the pre-application phase on this, and there is clearly more information to be provided in response to the initial phase of consultation earlier in the year.

In the Autumn, after the Summer holiday period, we will be placing further information in the public domain for scrutiny and comment. This will include more information explaining why we think the concept of an operational hub is a good idea, the site selection criteria we used to assess potential sites and all the sites we have considered to date. This should provide ample opportunity for any interested parties to scrutinise our approach to date; and to suggest any alternative sites that have not been considered and could potentially meet the criteria.

I quite agree that communication is very important on any such project. We are currently developing a communication plan to ensure that accurate information about the project continues to reach those that may feel, or be, particularly impacted along with the wider community that would be served by any such facility. We will also continue to listen to those that respond to us or seek further clarification.

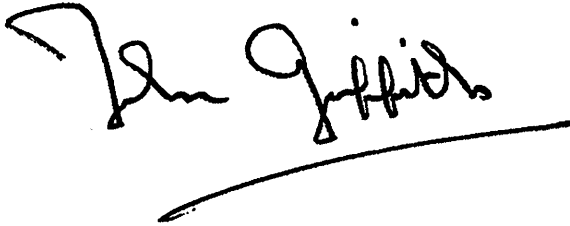
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I much appreciate the offer of help from the Parish Council and we would certainly like to both continue our dialogue and to ask for your assistance as and when necessary/appropriate.

With best wishes to you, and everyone at the Parish Council

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Councillor John Griffiths
Leader of the Council