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Dear Mr Blatch

**NORTH NORFOLK CORE STRATEGY DPD – PUBLIC EXAMINATION HEARING
DAY 12 WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2008 – MORNING SESSION
REDUNDANT DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS - RAF COLTISHALL**

I am writing to update you on the current position in relation to the proposal for a Category C prison on part of the former RAF base at Coltishall.

On the 5th December 2007, the Secretary of State for Justice, Jack Straw, announced in the House of Commons the publication of a report on prison review by Lord Carter. One of the proposals announced by the Secretary of State is to provide additional capacity in the short to medium term by converting the former Ministry of Defence site at Coltishall into a Category C prison.

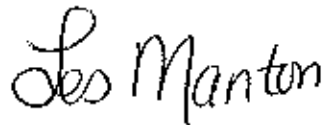
Although the ownership of the whole of the former airfield would transfer to MoJ, only part of the site would be used for the proposed prison. This would be the area formerly occupied as the Single Living Accommodation (SLA) and associated buildings. I attach a plan showing, in broad terms, the part of the site that would be used as a prison. Vehicular access to the proposed prison is still under consideration and consequently no access is shown on the attached plan. The use of the remainder of the site will be a matter for future consideration.

Work has only recently commenced in relation to the planning of a prison use on the site and it is not possible at this stage to be definitive about the timetable of a planning application.

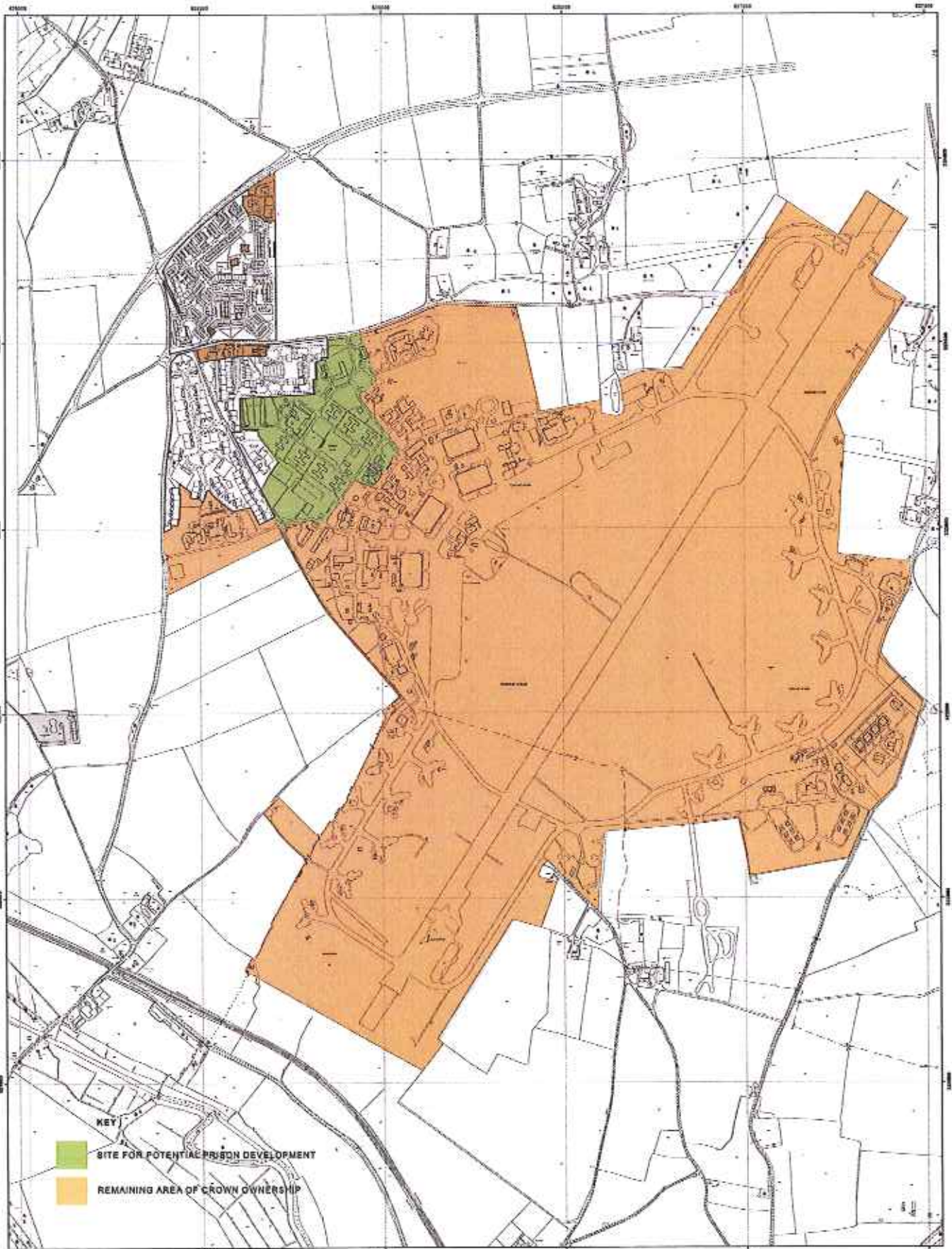
Our town planning consultant, Mr Paul Freer from Lambert Smith Hampton, will be attending the Public Examination as an observer when the future of former Ministry of Defence sites in the District is discussed on the 16th January 2008. He will be pleased to assist the Examination and if necessary I will provide a written response to any questions in due course.

I would be grateful if this letter could be forwarded to the inspector appointed to hold the Public Examination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Les Manton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

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SITE FOR POTENTIAL PRISON DEVELOPMENT

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