SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL, in accordance with powers under the above mentioned Regulations, has considered the request for a Screening Opinion for:

Screening Opinion for the SATCOM development at Royal Air Force Raf Croughton Road Croughton NN13 5NQ

And considers that the development proposed is NOT EIA development and any application for planning permission need not be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

It is considered that the development proposed is of a type listed in Schedule 2 to the Regulations in that it constitutes changes and extensions of development of a description listed in paragraphs 1 to 12 of column 1 of Schedule 2, where that development is already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed.

The development proposals have been assessed in relation to the selection criteria for screening Schedule 2 development set out in Schedule 3 of the 2011 Regulations and the advice, indicative thresholds and selection criteria for screening Schedule 2 development contained within the national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

The Local Planning Authority is of the opinion that the proposed development would be unlikely to have significant effects on the environment.

Consideration in this matter has been given to the size and nature of the proposed development and the location, characteristics and context of the development site.

The development is not in an environmentally sensitive area but does exceed the indicative thresholds and criteria contained within the PPG. The selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the Regulations includes reference to the characteristics of the development (size, cumulation, use of natural resources, production of waste and pollution), the location of development and the characteristics of the potential impact.
The most significant environmental impacts are likely to relate to the visual impact of the development on the surrounding area; impact on ecology; impact on the setting of the grade II listed fighter pens; and transport implications on the local highway network.

It is considered that the implications could be addressed properly through the Council’s normal consultation procedures.

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