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Dear Sir,

**Amendments and supplementary information to Outline Planning Application for Bishopton ROF site and accompanying Environmental Statement**

This response is **in addition** to any response which I might have made to the original outline planning application and accompanying Environmental Statement. I wish to object most strongly for the following reasons:-

1. The EiP report states that *“the development of a CGA at Bishopton will be contingent on transport capacity constraints being satisfactorily addressed.”* The Scottish Government has yet to make its decision on future infrastructure investments in roads and rail, which the development requires. Therefore the road and rail transport capacity constraints have not been satisfactorily addressed.
2. The EiP report stated that it would be appropriate that the ROF planning applications assess the impact that the traffic from the new development would have on the traffic capacity at Phoenix Park, Paisley and Renfrew town centres. The impact on traffic flow within these town centres has not been assessed.
3. BAE Systems propose to burn 381 buildings to decontaminate them. This method of decontamination has been chosen mainly on the grounds of cost. The EiP report states this method is not required for remediation and that there are alternative methods available. As Dr Paul Johnston of Greenpeace stated at the EiP *“It should be recognised that it is cheap simply because the technique externalises the environmental costs on the surrounding communities and countryside.”*
4. According to the EiP report it is stated that Renfrewshire Council considers that *“because of the large size of the site, knowledge of the nature and extent of contamination is still at a lower degree of resolution than would normally be expected for the purposes of determining an outline planning application.”* The degree of resolution has not increased. Therefore the planning application cannot be determined.
5. The new phasing of building will result in at least 900 houses being built and occupied without any new primary school being built. This will result in overcrowding at the existing primary school and increased traffic within the village as children from the new development are driven to and from school. Furthermore, the masterplan only **reserves** a site for a primary school. There is no commitment to building a primary school.
6. There is still no reference in the Bishopton masterplan to provision of a secondary school at Bishopton.
7. According to the Transport Assessment document *“It is proposed that vehicular access to the development is not afforded to the Royal Ordnance site through Newton Road, Rossland Crescent or Station Road as part of the development access strategy. Therefore, the main functions of these three streets will remain unchanged with the proposed new development in place.”* However there is no guarantee that this will remain the case since Renfrewshire Council’s Director of Planning and Transport insisted at a community liaison group meeting in February 2007 that integration between the new development and existing village can only be achieved by reopening road links.

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Yours faithfully

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