



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

Christopher Lowden & Andrea Bruce
SLR Consulting Limited

Our ref: APP/M1900/W/24/3346607
Your ref: PL/0232/21

Sent by email only

3 November 2025

Dear Christopher Lowden and Andrea Bruce

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 78
APPEAL MADE BY BRETT AGGREGATES LIMITED
LAND AT THE FORMER HATFIELD AERODROME, HATFIELD ROAD,
SMALLFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE, AL4 0HP
APPLICATION REF: PL/0232/21**

1. The Secretary of State is considering the report of the Inspector, Melvyn Middleton BA(Econ), DipTP, Dip Mgmt, MRTPI who held a public local inquiry from 19 November 2024 into the above planning appeal. You were previously informed that a decision on this case would be issued on or before 3 November 2025.
2. Further time is required to consider this case, and unfortunately it will not be possible to reach a decision on this appeal by 3 November 2025.
3. Therefore, in the exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Secretary of State hereby gives notice that he has varied the timetable previously set and he will now issue his decision on or before 15 December 2025. We aim to issue to decision as quickly as possible.
4. A copy of this letter has been sent to Hertfordshire County Council.

Yours faithfully

Emma Hopkins

Authorised to vary the timetable on behalf of the Secretary of State

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