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Dear Mr Gurtler

## Section 266 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to planning application 21/00031/VARCON

I refer to the above planning application. In his letter of 6 April 2022 the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities notified you that he had decided to call in the above planning application under section 77 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for his determination.

The Secretary of State for Transport, after carefully considering the case, has decided to make a direction under section 266(1A) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, for a joint determination of the above planning application. The planning application will therefore be determined jointly by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Secretary of State for Transport. This means that the Inspector, following a public inquiry, will prepare a report which will be forwarded to the appropriate teams in both Departments (the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Department for Transport).

This direction is also being served on the applicant and the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Million Head of Airport Planning, Department for Transport