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Dear Mr Earnshaw

Re: National Nuclear Archives

Thank you for your letter concerning the NNA which we again were able to discuss at the NSG last week. I confirmed that we are progressing the important architectural design work on this project now and over the next financial year. The project is included as one of the PVP options in our preferred list to take forward because of the commitments that have been made, and its importance to the community. It should be recognised that this is in spite of the fact that it would score lower on other criteria because of the lack of the critical need for the archive in the very near term and that is not directly contributing to essential hazard reduction in the estate.

I think the costings that emerge for the build of the archive will be an important topic we need to come back to as clearly we have made a commitment for a fixed sum towards this project and if the project cannot be accommodated within this approved level, we will need to find alternative sources of funds.

I very much hope we can bring this project to a successful fruition and I very much enjoyed our meeting and conversation.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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