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Please reply to:

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Date: 11 Mar 16

Dear Mr Flear,

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP (DSG) VULCAN NAVAL REACTOR TEST ESTABLISHMENT (NRTE) SUB-GROUP

Thank you for your e-mail of 5th February 2016, Steve Firth has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for taking the time to write and I agree with you that community involvement, when options are being considered, is preferable.

I would be happy to brief the DSG Sub-Group in principle, although I am not able to attend on the date requested. I understand that there is a further meeting on 13th July 2016, and if the invitation remained open, I could visit then.

On that date, I can deliver a short presentation and endeavour to answer your questions. The MOD is currently considering a range of options for the future of the NRTE site at Dounreay as you know, but we are at a relatively early stage in the process so my presentation will necessarily be brief.

I would also be keen to hear from you how you see the DSG and local community being involved in future. I would also be keen to hear from the Sub-Group about the range of considerations that might be important to the local community.

A colleague of mine, Wendy Newton, who will be assuming a senior role in the Vulcan programme in the coming months working closely with the Naval Superintendent Vulcan and my Bristol-based project team. I expect that Wendy will join me in any future discussions with the Sub-Group as she will

not only play a leading role in the assessment of the site options but will be based at Vulcan and living locally.

I look forward to hearing from you and meeting with the Sub-Group later this year.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed on original]

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