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Dear Ms Love,

Thank you for your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 on behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group regarding consultation on the future of the Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment site. I have been asked to respond to your enquiry as the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) area of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) is responsible for this issue.

The MOD recognises the concern that you have regarding the future of the site and is committed to choosing the option that best balances all the relevant factors including any operational requirements, community views, wider local plans, value for money to the taxpayer and environmental impact.

Throughout the decision making process the local community will continue to be kept informed via forums such as the Dounreay Stakeholder Group and its Sub-Groups. There will also be an opportunity for formal consultation afforded by the Environmental Impact Assessment Decommissioning Report. In addition, any necessary planning consent for the chosen option will be subject to normal town and country planning consultations.

At this stage it is still too early in the decommissioning process to be able to announce when these activities will be taking place; however the MOD will remain an active participant through the local forums and you will be informed as soon as details are known.

I hope that this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

DES Secretariat (Submarines)