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Dear Mr Saxon,

Thank you for your latest letter of 15 July on behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) concerning the Ministry of Defence (MOD) facility, the Naval Reactor Test Establishment Vulcan. I can confirm that the response to you dated 22 May was on behalf of the MOD.

The MOD does understand the concerns that you continue to raise; and equally we believe you will appreciate the Department endeavours to be as transparent and possible, although must operate within national security and sensitive commercial constraints. The decision-making processes that we are engaged in are designed to ensure the optimum point for the MOD to surrender the site lease to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. MOD personnel from Vulcan attend DSG meetings to present the facts when they are able to do so, as well as listen to and advise on the views of the local community. Please be assured that we are committed to attending future DSG meetings.

Additionally, I understand that arrangements are being made for representatives of the DSG to visit the Vulcan facility shortly, an occasion that we trust will prove beneficial to both parties.

Yours sincerely,

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