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Dear Sir,

MIRA South Site

MIRA has been a major employer and strategic economic asset within the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough for nearly 80 years, generating substantial economic value not only for the Borough but for the wider Midlands region. It is recognised as an asset of national significance, with a clear focus from the UK Government on the inward investment, advanced engineering and technology sectors that MIRA serves on a global basis. It has repeatedly been chosen as the location to launch national strategies of strategic importance from Sir Vince Cable in 2012 to Sir Keir Starmer in 2025.

Over the last 15 years, the Technology Park has experienced significant growth. Throughout this period, HORIBA MIRA has worked closely and constructively with key public and private sector stakeholders, and in particular with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. This partnership has enabled major inward investment, supported the creation of significant numbers of high-value jobs, and delivered skills, training, and wider benefits for the local community. In the last 12 months, MIRA has delivered bespoke work experience schemes for students within Hinckley and Bosworth including SEND students with Dorothy Goodman School alongside STEM Apprenticeship initiatives with Hastings High School and an AI Day attended by Year 9 students from across the Borough.

The MIRA South Site development proposals represent a transformational opportunity for the Technology Park and for the wider local economy. It is not simply an extension of the existing development, it is a complementary expansion that will provide the scale and flexibility required for larger engineering, research, technology, and manufacturing facilities. These facilities are essential to accommodating the rapidly evolving technology sectors that are increasingly central to the UK economy and national strategic priorities.

In particular, the Technology Park is exceptionally well placed to capitalise on major technology megatrends including electrification, autonomous and connected technologies, cyber security, defence, and energy. These sectors are already central to the activities of many companies currently operating at MIRA, as well as to the international companies we are seeking to attract. The South Site is therefore critical to maintaining and accelerating the Technology Park's growth and its ability to compete for globally mobile investment.

We are, however, now at significant risk of missing this opportunity. The extensive delay in progressing the South Site planning application and enabling its subsequent development is having a material and increasingly serious impact on our ability to capture these emerging opportunities. It is also constraining the continued growth of the existing Technology Park, which the South Site would act as a catalyst to accelerate.

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The consequences of further delay are significant. From a development perspective, key commercial commitments including funding arrangements, power infrastructure investment, and prospective occupier commitments are being materially and adversely affected. These commitments are time-sensitive and increasingly difficult to manage in the absence of certainty over the planning position.

This creates a very real risk to the delivery of approximately **3,000** high-value direct jobs, together with over **£1bn** GVA generated by the substantial wider economic impact associated with major international companies investing in the area. It also puts at risk the significant improvements to highways infrastructure, skills development and training, and other economic and community benefits secured through the development proposals and the signed Section 106 Agreement.

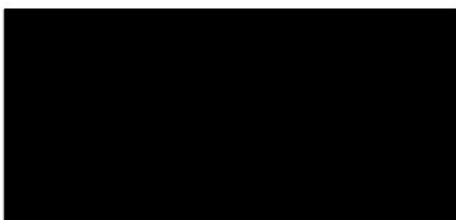
These benefits represent real investment, jobs and economic growth that are dependent upon the timely progression of the South Site. Every further delay increases the risk that investment decisions will be deferred, relocated, or lost altogether to competing locations that can provide greater certainty and speed of delivery. We therefore wish to emphasise that any further delay materially threatens the viability and successful delivery of the economic benefits associated with the MIRA South Site, and consequently, the future growth of the wider Technology Park.

The application has been the subject of extensive preparation, consultation, and engagement over the last five years and has involved significant investment and collaboration between HORIBA MIRA, public-sector bodies, regional stakeholders, and prospective commercial partners. The proposals have been developed with a clear understanding of local and regional priorities and the associated impacts, including impacts on local businesses, which have been fully considered and scrutinised by North Warwickshire Borough Council, as the primary decision maker, and found to be acceptable.

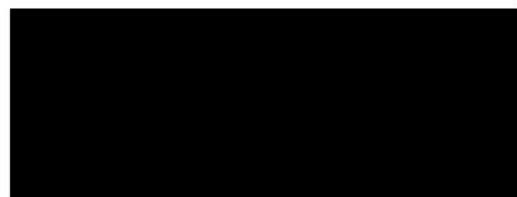
MIRA South Site can play a pivotal role in delivering one of the UK's most strategically important technology and advanced engineering clusters but the opportunity to secure these benefits is time-critical and cannot be deferred indefinitely.

We respectfully request the Committee recognise the urgency and strategic significance of the proposal and make a conclusive determination at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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