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*Dear Minister,*

**CITY AIRPORT REVIEW OF PLANNING AGREEMENT  
CONSULTATION PROCESS**

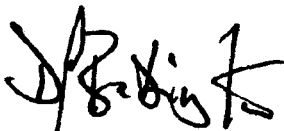
On 6<sup>th</sup> November last year we wrote to you expressing concerns about the consultation process the DoE were embarking on regarding the issue of seats for sale at City Airport. In particular we pointed out that the timing, over Christmas, and the length of the process were inadequate.

We received a reply from the DoE that the process would take 8 weeks and finish on 14 January 2005. We met this deadline over the Christmas period in haste without gathering all the facts we would have wished to use and not all residents were physically here, but still away on holiday. Other groups we have contacted have told us of similar pressures. We have just learnt through the Airport Forum that the deadline has been extended for at least two organisations to reply to the consultation sometime in February.

We believe this is manifestly unfair. Other organisations with far greater resources are being given an unfair advantage to consider a complicated issue yet residents groups were told they would have to meet the deadline. Such a situation reinforces residents' concerns that their views are discounted and that a level playing field is not in operation.

We request that the process is now delayed until the end of February in order for residents groups and individuals to make revised or further submissions. We also ask for reassurance that the existing submissions are not seen, or discussed, with any party other than the DoE Planning Service.

We very much hope that you will seriously consider our request.



D J BABINGTON  
Secretary  
Kinnegar Residents Action Group

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