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Subject: Re: Stansted Agriculture

Julia,

Apologies for the delay in replying to you. As you know, GO East responds on behalf of Defra on the statutory issue of BMV and soils. With all that is currently happening with soil policy, I thought I should consult Defra Soils Team. Needless to say they have been totally committed on soil policy and EU directive issues and so have not been able to reply as yet. However, a couple of thoughts:

Clearly with a development such as an airport there is little point in asking for worst first or seek lower quality land for the development. Therefore, our interest will relate to the sustainable use of soil material and Natural England's interest will be in how it is moved and stored (you will be aware of all the technical guidance available on those issues) and sustainable re-used (ie not land filled). Opportunities for the sustainable use of surplus soils should be evaluated and reasons given for choices discounted as well as for the favoured option.

Trust this is of some assistance. As soon as I receive any further guidance from Defra, I will forward to you.

regards

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Dear Sandy,

Thanks for talking to me about Stansted this morning. As we discussed I have summarised the work I am carrying out at Stansted and where I would really appreciate any guidance you could give me on how GoEast like to see things done locally!

Kind Regards

Julia T

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