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Dear Mr Saxon,

Thank you for your letter of 11th August 2017, on behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG), about the future of the Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment site.

We are sorry that you have been disappointed with the assurances that have been provided regarding the future of the Vulcan site. The current assessment of the decommissioning options for Vulcan is, however, dependent on various factors which are yet to be decided which means that it is not possible to comment on the detail of options at this time.

Whilst there is no obligation for the Ministry of Defence to undertake a formal consultation on the options we may be considering, we are interested to hear the views of the local community and will, as always, continue to keep the DSG informed of developments through regular attendance at your meetings. We would particularly welcome the views of the DSG on what they would like to see happen to the site.

I can assure you that in selecting the option for the future of the Vulcan site, all of the relevant factors will be taken into consideration, including of course the views of the local community.

Yours sincerely,

Director General Nuclear Secretariat