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by email

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter replying to our concerns in response to your press release and comments in The Times on 3rd March.

We welcome your commitment to fully engage with the display community. We were initially reassured when the Terms of Reference of the Air Display review stated that it "... will engage fully with the air display community, including organisers and pilots, as well, where feasible those who attend or are in the vicinity of air displays." Accordingly, your plan for Mark Swan to discuss with a much wider selection of the air display community is renewed reassurance that meaningful consultation can now take place. Many of these individuals are also members of the Air Pilots and, through them, we therefore look forward to assisting with the work of you and your team putting safety at the heart of any necessary improvements following the tragic incident at Shoreham.

We sincerely hope we can now place our differences behind us. Cooperation is vitally important to safe aviation and there has been a long history of cooperative engagement in improving air show safety; the Honourable Company of Air Pilots is fully committed to a renewed partnership and joint working to support this process to ensure the UK continues to have the highest standards of safety.

Chris Ford