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On behalf of Scottish Enterprise, I would like to request that consideration be given to incorporate some minor alterations and changes to the text and diagrams in relation to policies and proposals relating to West Edinburgh in NPF2.

Map 9 (p63) should show a broken dotted circle around the West Edinburgh International Gateway 'coloured bubble' — to highlight areas of co-ordinated action. Simon Bonsall, Senior Planner at the Scottish Government Directorate for the Built Environment has confirmed that this is a drafting error and should still be shown on the diagram (Map 9) in this version.

The National Developments annex: 'National Developments — statements of need' (p70) refers to Strategic Airport Enhancements. This includes developments at Scotland's four main airports. The description of elements covered by the designation at Edinburgh Airport is based on the West Edinburgh Planning Framework, published by Scottish Government in May 2008.

The description in 'the elements covered by the designation' section omits any reference to the need to make provision for a second main parallel runway, despite this being included in the WEPF. This is also in accordance with the Air Transport White Paper. It is important for NPF2 to be consistent with Government policy as set out in the WEPF, and therefore NPF2 should make reference to the additional runway. This would help to firmly establish the principle of support for the development of a second parallel runway at Edinburgh Airport should it be required at some point in the future.

Scottish Enterprise is tasked with leading a West Edinburgh Partnership for the preparation of a delivery and implementation plan for West Edinburgh. I trust that the Committee will give due consideration to accommodate these minor changes and additions.

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